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Major promises to slash spending

Tax cuts will come from squeeze on welfare, defence and roads

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN MAJOR last night braced Conservatives for a ruthless assault on spending, particularly on the £85 billion welfare budget, to make room for two tax-cutting budgets before the general election.

The Prime Minister told party agents in Blackpool for the annual conference that the Government had to cut taxes — but to do so it would have to make hard choices.

His tax-cutting speech heralded an expected rightward shift this week as the Cabinet seeks to widen the divide with Tony Blair's increasingly centrist Labour Party. Among policy announcements this week, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is expected to announce a controversial new attempt to crack down on benefit fraud by using identity cards.

Responding to Alan Howarth, the MP who has defected to Labour, Mr Major promised that spending on education, law and order and people in genuine need would not be slashed. But his warning that priorities would have to be "ruthlessly set" was a clear indication that spending on welfare, defence, roads, housing, overseas aid and the arts is likely to be severely squeezed. William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will echo the message tonight with a speech saying that cutting public spending from 42 per cent of national output to around 35 per cent will, in the long term, create prosperity and make for a safer and more stable country.

Mr Major's general message would not have been to the liking of Mr Howarth, who says in an interview with *The Times* today that he quit the Tories because the Prime Minister had placated the "aggressive ideological Right" and failed to take the chance after his re-election as leader to define an alternative vision.

He complains about the Prime Minister's promises of more tax breaks for the better off and attacks on single mothers. Mr Howarth predicts that the Right will capture the party after Labour wins the next election and that the pendulum will not swing back in his political lifetime.

Last night, senior party sources said the Government would offer no sops to the Left in the wake of Mr Howarth's defection, and Mr Major told reporters there would be no further switches, saying: "I don't think we will get any more Alan Howarths."

His remarks later were in tune with the shift to the Right that is likely to be reflected in all the main conference addresses, although he omitted one announcement from his speech, believing that it would be overshadowed by the death of Lord Home of the Hirsel.

He did, however, say that Mr Lilley would be announcing measures to root out abuse in the welfare system and hinted at the use of identity cards for benefit claimants to curb fraud, as well as incentives and penalties to encourage people back into work. Mr Major said: "Few things make people more angry than to see or hear about others living off the welfare state — off taxpayers' money — when they could look after themselves."

The key to a better life for all was economic success, he said. "I want to make Britain the unrivalled enterprise centre of Europe and we will reject policies that harm our well-being. Enterprise requires incentives; it requires proper rewards. So we must cut taxes when we can because lower taxes promote enterprise."

Mr Major said that the Tories would never turn a blind eye to the poor but neither would it patronise them. "Enterprise and liberty are core Conservative principles, as are responsibility and self-help."

Mr Major said that tough choices lay ahead, but he promised that education would be high on the list of priorities, saying: "No Conservative government I lead will cease to pursue our aim of giving every child the best education possible."

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Tributes to Home, respected laird and leader

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Prime Minister last night led tributes to Lord Home of the Hirsel, who died yesterday aged 92. He described the former Conservative Prime Minister as an understated and often underestimated man who personified the quiet dignity of a Scottish gentleman.

John Major said that Lord Home's wealth of knowledge, keen instinct and deep patriotism had combined in a lifetime of public service.

Lord Home died surrounded by his close family. His children, David, Meriel, Diana and Caroline gathered round his bedside in a room overlooking the magnificent estate of the Hirsel.

Yesterday Lord Home's son, David Douglas-Home, who becomes the 15th Earl, said: "It was all very peaceful and very quiet. My father felt no pain." He said his father had difficulty coming to terms with the death of his wife Elizabeth, Lady Home, in 1990, and suffered a stroke afterwards.

Yesterday workers on the estate and locals in the town of Coldstream remembered Lord Home simply as "The Laird". The local Mercedes Benz garage flew its flags at half-mast. Kathy Dickson, who runs the village wool shop, said: "He was a true gentleman." Another local said: "He had dignity, decency and integrity."

Sir Edward Heath said: "He was completely trusted by everyone with whom he was dealing." Baroness Thatcher said: "He represented all that was best in his generation." Lord Hailsham recalled: "He was quite reluctant to be Prime Minister, but he did enjoy being at the Foreign Office."

Enoch Powell commented: "I always regarded Alec as that rarest thing in politics — a politician whose word one could trust." Sir David Steel said: "He was one of the last of the gentlemen politicians."

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MARTIN BEDDALL

Powell family queue for a meeting

After being inscribed on 47,000 fly-leaves in America, the signature of General Colin Powell was an illegible, angular scrawl by the time he arrived at Hatchards, the London booksellers, yesterday, above, to sign yet more copies of his blockbusting autobiography (Alan Hamilton writes). The general is said to be the fastest penslinger in the West. In a frantic 40-minute session yesterday he signed 463 books. Bookshop staff judged him faster than Baroness Thatcher, their last book-signing star. The queue winding around the shop and into Piccadilly included Bill Morris, general secretary of the transport workers' union, who shares Jamaican roots with General Powell. Hovering in the wings was Ethan Bent, right, a British Rail ticket collector from Brixton Hill, one of a vast extended family in south London claiming connections with the general. Mr Bent says he is the general's cousin, and met him for the first time at the shop door, having his hand warmly shaken. Another relation waiting in the queue was Verna Heap, who patiently explained that her son's father, to whom she was not married, was the son of Nancy Powell, a first cousin of Luther Powell, the general's father. At which point the family tree became too complicated to pursue.



Bosnian protest postpones ceasefire

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HOURS before the US-brokered ceasefire was due to take effect in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Bosnian Government said last night that its conditions for the agreement had not been met and it would postpone implementation.

The ceasefire, due to go into effect one minute after midnight this morning was put off because the restoration of water, electricity and gas supplies had not taken place.

Hasan Muratovic, the Bosnian minister in charge of relations with the United Nations said: "Nearly none of the conditions has been met."

Earlier yesterday, Nato launched airstrikes against Serb command and control facilities near Tuzla after a Norwegian soldier was killed in a Serb attack on the airfield near the city.

News of the postponement came three days after President Clinton had used the apparent breakthrough to trumpet a string of foreign policy successes.

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Fraud case juries may go to save time and money

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JURIES may be abolished in complex fraud trials following a review by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

There is growing support among senior legal figures for the move because of the increasing cost, length and complexity of trials such as Guinness and Blue Arrow. Backing would come from Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney General and George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, while Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would not oppose reopening the debate.

The Government rejected the proposal when it was recommended in a report on serious fraud under Lord Roskill in 1986. But one senior government official said yesterday: "There is a shift of view on this — a definite softening of approach from ten years ago."

Even among those who support the place of juries in the criminal justice system, there is concern over the length of time taken by fraud trials, with consequent expense. "It is not that juries cannot understand fraud trials, or that they do not reach the right decisions, because I believe they can and do," one official said. "But it is the time these trials take — which can inevitably mean you have a very unrepresentative jury."

So far, Mr Howard has asked officials to take soundings from senior legal figures on proposals to abolish juries in complex fraud cases. A survey of the legal profession could follow.

In March this year, a fraud trial which cost an estimated £2 million collapsed after six months at Newport Crown Court when the presiding judge ruled that the evidence was too difficult for the jury to understand. Judge Crowther said the evidence was "oppressive and unmanageable".

The report under Lord Roskill recommended that complicated fraud trials should be handled by some kind of tribunal, probably consisting of a judge sitting with a lay assessor.

At the time, the Government preferred the dissenting opinion attached to the report by Walter Merricks, now a senior official at the Law Society. He said: "The right of the citizen not to be liable to incarceration for a lengthy period other than on a jury verdict has become a civil right which should only be dislodged for good cause."

Certainly, juries might prefer more help in dealing with heavy cases. A questionnaire to jurors after a £43 million mortgage fraud trial found that the use of computers to display documents on screen speeded up the trial and helped understanding.

Lloyds-TSB merger will cost thousands of jobs

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LLOYDS Bank and TSB are to merge in a £5 billion deal that will create Britain's biggest High Street banking network.

The planned takeover will leave a £15 billion retail banking giant, second in size only to HSBC Holdings, the £24 billion Hong Kong and Shanghai group that bought Midland Bank three years ago.

The merger, which needs shareholder and regulatory approval, is likelyto mean the loss of thousands of jobs. Analysts in the City estimated about 10 per cent of the 73,500 staff in Britain of the two banks could go over the next few years, and at least ten per cent of the 3,000 branches could close.

News of the merger was described by Leif Mills, general secretary of Bifu, the banking, insurance and finance union, as "appalling". He said: "This would mean savage cutbacks in the branch network and less customer choice. There is absolutely no need for a merger between two banks who are highly successful on their own."

He added that if the merger proceeds, Bifu would call for an immediate investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

Lloyds and TSB were forced to announce their plans two weeks earlier than they had planned after a report appeared at the weekend that Lloyds was in merger talks. Details of the Lloyds-TSB merger will be released tomorrow. The two sides have, however, been in talks for several months, and talking seriously for several weeks.

The takeover will create a financial services combine with £140 billion assets, 89,500 staff, pre-tax profits of £2 billion, 3,000 branches, and 15 million customers.

Lloyds employs, in Britain and abroad, 62,500 staff including those with the Cheltenham & Gloucester, the former building society that it bought in August for £1.8 billion. TSB employs 27,000 staff, most of them in the UK.

Lloyds is to fund the takeover by issuing new shares to TSB shareholders. There will be no payments to Lloyds or TSB customers, unless they are also TSB shareholders. The merger will value each TSB ordinary share at 329p, including a special dividend of 68p per share.

When the takeover is completed, Lloyds shareholders will own 70 per cent and TSB shareholders will own 30 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Neither bank would comment on the likely effect on jobs. However, sources close to Lloyds said any job reduction would be in large part through natural wastage and voluntary redundancies. Cuts are likely to be in central administration and wherever there was an overlap, such as in Treasury operations.

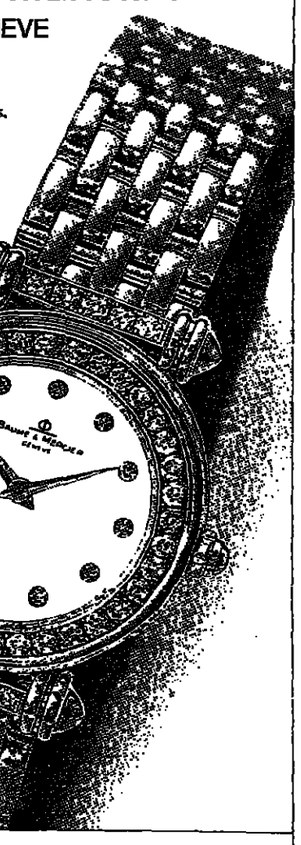
The move is part of a widescale consolidation in the financial services industry. The three leading building societies, Alliance & Leicester, Nationwide and the Woolwich, are all thought to be considering flotation plans, while insurance companies such as the Prudential and Legal & General are thought to be considering how best to take part in the current merger and takeover fever.

Sir Brian Pitman will be chief executive at the new Lloyds TSB, while Peter Ellwood, chief executive of TSB, will be one of two deputy chief executives. He will be put in charge of integrating the retail operations, and is seen as the likely successor to Sir Brian.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, said he would examine the terms before deciding whether to call for a reference to the MMC.

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Eight homosexuals dismissed from RAF

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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THREE RAF officers and five airmen have been discharged from the service this year for being homosexual, the Ministry of Defence said yesterday. Confirmation of the figures came as the MoD's policy on banning homosexuals in the Armed Forces was described as "perverse" during a Court of Appeal hearing into the case of four former service personnel who were discharged for homosexuality.

Stonewall, the group campaigning for gay and lesbian equality, accused the MoD of "mindlessly pursuing" the homosexual ban. A Stonewall spokeswoman said investigations of suspected homosexuals should be suspended while the court proceedings were under way.

She also said it was extraordinary that the MoD was still discharging expensively trained service personnel while the ministry was involved in a review of the policy, announced last month.

Although the MoD confirmed that eight personnel had been discharged this year from the RAF, there were no figures available for the Army and Royal Navy. Stonewall said they knew of a navigator and two pilots, one of them a Nimrod pilot at RAF Kinloss in Scotland, who had been dimissed this year. A spokesman at the base would confirm only that one sergeant and two officers had been discharged for homosexuality between August 1993 and October this year.



Duncan Lustig-Prean, Jeanette Smith, Graeme Grady and John Beckett, left to right, outside the Court of Appeal yesterday where they are relaunching their fight against the ban on homosexuality in the forces

At yesterday's Court of Appeal hearing, David Pannick, QC, appearing on behalf of the four former members of the services dismissed for being homosexual, accused the MoD of operating an "irrational and perverse policy".

Former Lieutenant Commander Duncan Lustig-Prean, 36, former RAF Sergeant Graeme Grady, 32, ex-RAF nurse Jeanette Smith, 28, and former Royal Navy weapons engineer John Beckett, 25, lost their case against dismissal in a High Court hearing in June.

Mr Pannick said yesterday that it served "no coherent or legitimate purpose to adopt a policy that all homosexuals and lesbians must be discharged". He told Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Thorpe, that it was the absolute nature of the ban which made it impossible to justify.

Arguments that there were special reasons why a disciplined force had to exclude homosexuals did not bear scrutiny. The evidence showed that other disciplined forces such as the police and fire brigade in this country, and the Armed Forces of Britain's allies in Nato and the Commonwealth, allowed homosexuals to serve without any of the adverse consequences which the MoD feared.

He also rejected military claims that homosexuals could undermine morale or the effectiveness of fighting units. The hearing continues.

Young men 'on the verge of suicide'

Limited job opportunities, scarce housing and a dearth of girlfriends are pushing young men, even those from relatively affluent and stable families, into despair, according to research commissioned by the Health Education Authority.

"Young men have been identified as particularly prone to depression, serious anti-social behaviour and suicide," said Professor Peter Aggleton of the Institute of Education, London University. "It is not as if they are asking for the moon. They want steady jobs, places of their own to live and an intimate relationship."

Researchers were surprised by the uniformity of responses from the 160 men aged between 16 and 20 interviewed. More than half said unemployment was a severe source of stress and some thought they might never find work. Scarcity of accommodation was also a problem, but having a girlfriend was a significant source of support.

Robinson's drink alert

Police in Edinburgh said that they believed bottles of fruit drink on sale at a Safeway shop in the city had been spiked with a potentially lethal poison. They are trying to trace 42 bottles of Robinson's apple and blackcurrant concentrate bought at the shop in Morningside in the past week. Detective Superintendent John McGowan said he was concerned that two contaminated bottles of juice had been bought by customers who had not come forward. The bottles are one-litre bottles of apple and blackcurrent concentrate and the sugar-free "Special R" variety.

Charged Mayor resigns

The Mayor of Barnsley resigned on the day he was charged with defrauding the Department of Social Security of £653, police confirmed yesterday. A council spokesman said Clive Cawthrow, 56, a Labour councillor for 13 years who had been Mayor since May, had taken the step on Sunday for "health reasons". He is still on the council and will appear before Barnsley Magistrates on November 15. Jeff Ennis, the leader of the council, said Mr Cawthrow, a former miner, had been a dedicated mayor who served the council with enthusiasm and good humour.

Divorce debate hots up

Campaigning intensified yesterday in the run up to Ireland's referendum next month on whether to end the constitutional ban on divorce. The Anti-Divorce Campaign group opened its attempt to head off the change by dismissing two sets of opinion polls which indicated 2-1 majority backing for divorce among the Irish electorate. Other groups on both sides of the divorce debate will open their campaigns for referendum votes later this week. In the last nationwide poll on the issue in 1986, the electorate rejected the introduction of divorce by a 2-1 margin.

Runner's husband jailed

The husband of the England athletics captain Paula Thomas was jailed for 12 years yesterday for masterminding an armed supermarket raid while she in Canada winning two bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games. Manchester Crown Court was told that Peter Thomas had masterminded the robbery, which was foiled by two uniformed policemen. Two of Thomas's accomplices were jailed for 11 years, another was sentenced to ten years and the fourth for eight years. All denied conspiracy to rob.

Girl, 8, shot accidentally

A girl aged eight died when another child accidentally shot her in the heart with an airgun, an inquest was told yesterday. Margaret McEwan was with her mother at a friend's house in Bedworth, Warwickshire, when the boy, aged 10, picked up his father's rifle and said: "Do you like my gun?" Seconds later the weapon went off, killing Margaret instantly. The boy's family did not know that the gun was loaded. Michael Coker, the Warwickshire Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

AA attacks road tax

The "archaic" system of motoring taxes is cheating drivers out of billions of pounds of revenue that could be ploughed back into the crumbling road network and public transport, the AA said. In its Budget submission, the organisation contrasted the £19 billion a year paid in vehicle excise and petrol duty with the £6 billion a year spent on roads. Vehicle users are suffering an "embarrassing overtaxation", even after all the costs of pollution and accidents are taken into account, according to the AA.

Orchid thieves strike

The theft of orchids from nature reserves in Nottinghamshire has been linked to the increase in popularity of wild flower gardens and landscaping. A large area of the plants has been dug up in Nottingham city centre and bulbs stolen from a Site of Special Scientific Interest on the city outskirts. Erin McDaid, of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, said: "These are not the normal wildflower thefts. The scale is too big. Whoever is behind these incidents seems to know what they are doing."

Headmaster suspended

A head teacher has been suspended after allegations of serious professional and personal misconduct on a school trip to Spain. A council spokesman said that the claims against Tony Green of Manor High School in Crosby, Merseyside, did not involve sexual impropriety. The Rev Richard Capper, chairman of governors at the 780-pupil school, said that Mr Green's suspension while an investigation was carried out did not imply guilt or innocence. He declined to say what the allegations were.

Spotlight on Pocahontas

Walt Disney is to spend £9,000 on improving the real-life grave of Pocahontas, the subject of its latest animated film. The money will be used to provide floodlighting at St George's Church in Gravesend, Kent, where the remains of the Red Indian princess are buried. She died in Gravesend in 1617 while waiting to catch a ship back to the Americas. Her story, the subject of Disney's latest blockbuster film that had its European premiere in London last week, has led to a tourist boom in Gravesend.

'Banking is now the same as any other profession — there's no security'

Merger means an end to jobs for life, say bank workers

BY EMMA WILKINS

BANKING was once considered a job for life but yesterday's announcement of a proposed merger between Lloyds Bank and the TSB has confirmed fears that job insecurity is now a feature of the finance industry.

Noel Howell, of Bifu, the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said: "Banking was once renowned for its job security but that's a thing of the past. These proposals are just going to make matters worse." While banking was once considered a job for life, many of those who spent their working lives in the industry would now dissuade school leavers from a banking career.

Bob Tanner, 64, a retired Barclays manager, joined the bank at 16 in 1947. His 43-year-career ended in 1990 when Barclays announced that the Inspections Department, in central London, where Mr Tanner was a manager in the fraud section, was moving to the Midlands.

Mr Tanner, who was caring for his elderly mother, did not wish to move from his home in East Ham, east London, and resigned from the bank a year short of his retirement age of 60. When he left Ealing Grammar School for Boys with five School Certificates, Mr Tanner was advised by the Headmasters' Employment Bureau to take a job in banking. "It was just after the war. Banking was a secure job that you had for life provided that you didn't get into trouble. In those days you didn't get harassed and you weren't told that you had to be ambitious. You plodded along at your own pace and the employers left you alone. Now there appears to be something like a tier system. If you're not in the 'A' stream you might as well go and get another job.

"I have definitely noticed a change in the whole atmosphere of banking. I was in my 50s when things started to get worse. There seems to be a theory that if you want to encourage people at the top you give them £500,000 in share options. But if you want to encourage people at the bottom, you threaten them with the sack. I saw people in the office change from enjoying their job to being on the verge of a breakdown."

Brian Davidson, 59, was a manager's lending assistant at the Midland Bank in Southwark, south London, when he was made redundant four years ago. He joined Midland in 1952 as a 16-year-old school-leaver.

He said: "There's been a radical change from when I left school at 16 and joined the Midland. Everyone said then that a job in banking was a job for life. After I was made redundant I applied for lots of jobs, but I have not worked since I left the bank. My age counts against me. Banking is now just the same as any other profession. There is no security.

"It started to change in the 1980s. Midland was one of the first to start to reduce its workforce and at first it was voluntary, but by the late 80s they were sacking people." Mr Davidson, from Sidcup, Kent, would deter school-leavers from a career in banking. "I would strongly advise against it. The industry is still contracting and it's got a lot more contracting to do before it ends up with a stable nucleus of staff.

"The job will be constantly changing and adapting to things like new technology and moving departments around the country. I don't think it will ever be a stable job again because the employers will always want to adapt the workforce to suit themselves. Short-term contracts of six and 12 months and part-time working are more common."

ALAN WELLER



Bob Tanner: says he has noticed a change in the whole atmosphere of banking

Polly Sethi, 43, worked for NatWest for 19 years until she was made redundant two years ago. She lost her job as senior clerk in the securities department at head office in London when the department was abolished.

When she joined NatWest aged 22, Mrs Sethi, from Wembley, north London, chose banking in preference to another offer of work from a travel agency. "The bank job was lower paid than the travel agency, but I chose the bank because I thought it would be more secure. I had worked for NatWest for 19 years and I lost my job in a couple of hours. I was called upstairs and told that the department was closing.

"When I joined, banking meant low wages but it was very secure and that made it attractive. Now it's very difficult — it's just not a secure job any more. It's really sad when there is a takeover and job losses. It took me two years to find another job and I feel very sorry for anyone in the same position."

Mortgage refused on inner-city home

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BUILDING society has refused to provide a mortgage in a notorious inner-city area. The Bradford and Bingley said Margaret Gibbs, 71, could not have a mortgage on her council home, where she has lived for 31 years, because it is in "an inner-city area closely associated with prostitution and drug abuse".

The society said this would "severely restrict the resaleability" of the three-bedroom house in Chapeltown, Leeds.

David Curry, Minister for Urban Regeneration, yesterday said he was "gravely concerned" about the implications of the case. He promised an Environment Department inquiry and talks with building societies.

Mrs Gibbs had obtained a 60 per cent discount on Leeds City Council's valuation of £25,000, and was seeking a mortgage for 95 per cent of the £11,000 purchase price. Mrs Gibbs said: "The building society has condemned everyone in the area. I cannot believe they would not be able to sell the house for £10,500."

Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said "It is an acute dilemma, but the building society is doing Mrs Gibbs a favour by offering its best professional advice."

Adams rules out threats of return to violence

BY JOHN HICKS

GERRY ADAMS, the Sinn Fein president, yesterday strongly denied that Republicans were using the threat of violence to influence the outcome of all-party talks.

Mr Adams claimed that a string of statements from party colleagues were proof of Sinn Fein's commitment to the peace process. He said: "It is self-evident that threats of any description from any quarter have no role in any such process. They are certainly no part of any talks process in which we will engage."

His comments, coming on the eve of the Conservative Party's annual conference, are seen as an attempt to meet demands from London and Dublin for an IRA move towards a decomissioning of arms. The Prime Minister and his Irish counterpart John Bruton have been pressing Sinn Fein for a commitment that the IRA will not resort to violence if the outcome of negotiations fall short of their aims.

It is believed that Dublin feels that such a pledge could remove the need for the IRA to start decommissioning its weapons before the start of all-party talks. Yesterday's statement from Mr Adams could be the first step towards finding a formula that will satisfy the governments' demand that Sinn Fein is committed to "exclusively peaceful means" as set out in the Downing Street declaration.

Mr Adams, making his first significant statement since the election of David Trimble as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said the time had come for the British Government to set a date for all-party talks to start. He rejected Mr Trimble's suggestion that Sinn Fein should prove its commitment to the democratic process by seeking a new mandate in elections for an assembly.

He acknowledged that both governments were committed to seeking peace, stability and reconciliation by agreement among all the people who inhabit the island.

Indian summer set to last as birds migrate north

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Indian summer that has brought clear skies to most parts of the country will continue until the weekend, forecasters said yesterday. The hottest place in the country was Norwich at 25C (77F).

Sunday and yesterday were the hottest October days in London for a decade, with temperatures up to ten degrees above average. The warm southerly winds have brought butterflies out of hibernation and lured Mediterranean birds north.

A spokesman for the London Weather Centre said: "Although Monday is the last day of the very warm weather the air behind it is still much warmer than usual for this time of year." Richard Millington, of the Bird Information Service, said that the temperatures had confused foreign migrating birds, such as cragmartins, alpine finches and trumpeter swifts, which have flown here instead of moving south from their Mediterranean habitats.

"It's been warmer here than in southern Spain and so we are having a little influx of hot weather birds. They'll be in for a bit of a shock when it becomes cold again, but they'll just turn round and go straight back south," he said.

The sunshine has also brought a rare turnout for the monarch butterfly, which has been spotted in Cornwall, Dorset and the Scilly Isles, the first time in such numbers since the mid-1980s.

Ian Woiwod, from the National Insect Survey at the Rothamsted Environmental Station in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, said the warmth had lured butterflies like the peacock and small tortoiseshell out of hibernation, but added that the false dawn affect their numbers.

"There's not much food around now so they can't refuel for when they return into hibernation, so there might not be so many of them next year."

Temperatures, while cooler today, are still expected to reach a high of 21C (70F).

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Duke bows to protesters and reprieves historic oaks



The Duke: urged to think again by the Prince of Wales

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of Edinburgh has agreed to spare 80 oak trees in Windsor Great Park after protests by residents and conservation groups.

The trees, including 20 that are more than 250 years old, were to have been felled under a plan to replant a three-mile grassy avenue called Queen Anne's Ride with 1,000 oak saplings to give it a more uniform appearance.

The Prince of Wales is believed to have been among those who urged his father, chief ranger of the park, to think again. The World Wide Fund for Nature, of which the Duke is the international president, had also expressed its dismay to Buckingham Palace. A fund spokesman said yesterday: "We are very gratified by today's decision."

A handful of protesters, who have been taking it in turns to squat in the branches of some of the trees since late July, were yesterday folding up their hammocks and preparing to leave, apparently satisfied that the oaks were safe.

Christopher Howes, chief executive of the Crown Estate Commissioners, said the decision to halt the felling had been aimed at balancing the concern of the public with the commissioners' statutory duty to maintain the character of the park.

"I believe that our decision strikes the right balance," Mr Howes said. "The commissioners remain confident that future generations will enjoy the majesty of the avenue as envisaged by our predecessors in 1720."

Concern had focused on 28 trees thought to have been among those originally planted in 1720. Eight of these have already been cut down but the remaining 20 will be spared, including one which is host to a rare fungus, *Phellinus robustus*, known at only three other sites in Britain.

Fifty-eight oaks planted in the 1920s and 1970s will also be kept, although some will be transplanted to the northern end of the ride to group trees of the same age together.

About 100 lime trees in the ride will be dug up and replaced with oak. Those that are not diseased will be replanted in the park or in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

David Henshilwood, local team manager for English Nature, the Government's nature conservation adviser, said: "We were opposed to the original scheme, but we are delighted that the older trees will now be left to provide a habitat for the rare fungi and insects such as beetles that depend on them.

"Oaks can easily live for between 500 and 700 years and they become most valuable as a habitat for wildlife as they begin to rot from within. They can still be putting out foliage when the heartwood has gone and they are little more than hollow husks."

John Colby, director of planning and housing for the royal borough, said: "We are disappointed that some of the trees have already gone, but very pleased that the Crown Estate has now come up with an acceptable compromise."

Queen Anne's Ride was originally planted with a mixture of oaks, elms and limes. The elms were killed in the 1970s by Dutch elm disease and many of the limes have also died.

The idea behind the replanting was to create an avenue that consisted entirely of oaks of a uniform age and height. Many of the existing oaks were planted at different dates. Several hundred were replaced in a first phase of replanting in 1992.

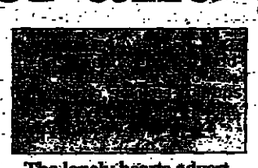
DOMESDAY TREES

Oaks can live for 1,000 years or more. John White, chief dendrologist at the Forestry Commission, said: "There are about 50 oaks in England that we refer to as Domesday trees and are at least 1,000 years of age. Trees between 500 and 700 years old are by no means uncommon." Two of the oldest are near Stamford, Lincolnshire, and at Croft Castle, near Leominster, Hereford and Worcester. Their trunk girth is about 40ft. Mr White said: "After 200 years or so the trees rot inside and eventually become hollow. This is when they are most important as a home for fungi and beetles."

'Each time he got more violent'

Sex attacker admits savage killing of mother and girl, 4

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT



The lonely hearts advert in a local newspaper

A SEX attacker who savagely stabbed a young mother and suffocated her four-year-old daughter in their home was ordered to be detained indefinitely in Broadmoor high-security hospital yesterday.

Police believe Robert Napper, a schizophrenic, may have spied on Samantha Bisset, 28, and her boyfriend before climbing into her home in Plumstead, southeast London, to attack them. After his arrest police discovered maps marking the spy point and the routes taken by potential rape victims.

Yesterday the Old Bailey was told Napper stabbed Miss Bisset eight times in the neck in her hallway and then sexually assaulted and suffocated her daughter Jazmine in her bed. Later Napper dragged Miss Bisset's body into the living room and mutilated her body on a cushion he would have seen from his spy point.

Napper, 29, pleaded not guilty to the murders but guilty to manslaughter on ground of diminished responsibility. He also admitted two attempted rapes and a rape in the previous year. His pleas were accepted by Mr Justice Hooper.

Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, said Napper had committed three sex attacks on young women while they were walking in open public places in the Hither Green and Eltham areas of south London the previous year.

In the third attack, Napper stalked a woman as she pushed her two-year-old daughter in a buggy. He attacked her from behind, putting a ligature round her throat. When she resisted she was badly beaten and raped next to her daughter.

After the case Detective Superintendent Michael Banks said: "It's one of the most savage I've ever seen. Each time he got more and more violent." During the investigation detectives uncovered a lonely hearts advertisement which Miss Bisset had put in a local newspaper some months before her death. They investigated whether it could be linked to the killings and traced seven or eight people who answered it.

Miss Bisset's mother, Maggie Morrison, 53, collapsed and died last weekend. Her husband Jack said after the case: "As far as I am concerned Robert Napper killed Samantha's mother as well. Maggie just couldn't take the strain of it all."

Samantha Bisset was a free spirit who abandoned her middle-class roots to take to the road as a New Age traveller before settling in London with her baby daughter. She had travelled widely, spending several months exploring Europe and, in the 1980s, occasionally joined the so-called peace convoy to Stonehenge.

Mr Banks said Ms Bisset "was the sort of woman who did not quite know where her life was going until her daughter was born. Then the little girl gave her life meaning."



Samantha Bisset, a former hippy, was devoted to her daughter Jazmine, whose father was a New Age traveller. Napper may have spied on them before the attack

Boy loses pony after DNA test finds true owner

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY aged seven was told yesterday that the Shetland pony he treasured had been stolen when his parents bought it for him and, after a DNA test, was to be given back to its rightful owner.

Tony Hughes wept after magistrates at Yeovil, Somerset, ordered Rosie be returned to Irene Morris, a horse breeder, from whose stables near Bridgwater it was taken in the spring of last year.

Arthur Hughes, 52, and his wife Diane, 46, bought the chestnut pony for £250 at the Priddy Horse Fair three months later. However, early this year Mrs Morris, 41, and police arrived at the Hughes's home in Tintinhull claiming the animal she knew as Allermoor Renata was bred from a mare and stallion she owned.

Rosie was taken away for DNA testing and the two families were left to fight for possession of the animal under the Police Property Act. The Hughes family claimed an ancient charter in force at the fair called Market Ouverte meant the horse belonged to them because it had been bought in good faith.

Yesterday, however, the magistrates found for Mrs Morris and returned the animal to her.

Mrs Hughes made an emotional plea for her son to be allowed to keep the horse. She said: "Please let my son have his pony back. I bought it in good faith. I didn't commit a crime." Mr Hughes said his son had saved his pocket money towards the cost of the pony he had always wanted.

Sue Dauncey, for the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Police, said DNA tests showed that Mrs Morris's mare and stallion were the true parents of the foal.

Mr and Mrs Hughes stood with their arms round Tony as he sobbed outside the court. Mrs Hughes shook hands with Mrs Morris and said: "I have no bad feelings against Mrs Morris but although we haven't got a lot of money, we will carry this on. We will take it as far as we can for Tony's sake. He has taken this very badly."

Mrs Morris said: "I feel very sorry for the Hughes family but I am obviously relieved that I will have her back. People may think I'm depriving a little boy of his beloved pony and I'm cruel. But think what my children have been through. My daughter Melissa, who's only 12, and Louise are particularly in love with her. My daughters were equally heartbroken when they were robbed of Allermoor Renata. This year has been hell for them."

French customs 'wished dog smuggling pair luck'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A COUPLE who were fined yesterday for smuggling a dog through the Channel Tunnel claimed that French customs officers allowed them to board a train with the animal and wished them good luck.

Graydon Denn, 29, and his wife Tamar, 20, admitted bringing Balak into Britain on a Eurostar train. The dog was discovered in a plastic holdall that the wife was carrying as she left the train at Waterloo on October 1. The couple, of Camden, north London, were each fined £400 and ordered to pay £100 costs at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London in the first case of its kind involving the tunnel.

Paul Chadha, prosecuting for the Corporation of London, said the couple had told officials they were stopped by French customs officers in Paris. "They said they had told them they couldn't take the dog into Britain but they allowed them to board with the dog and wished them good luck."

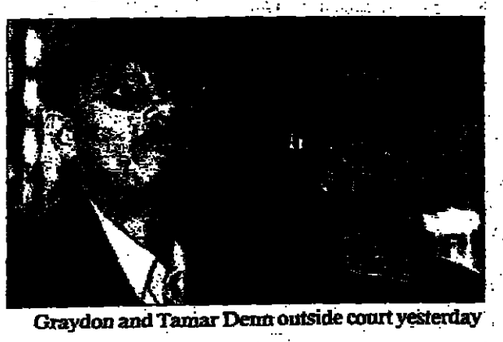
Denn, an artist who had been working in Israel, said: "I rescued the dog from a litter of puppies in Jerusalem. The owner wasn't in a position to keep any of the puppies and was going to have them destroyed." The dog had been vaccinated against rabies in Israel.

The magistrate, Geoffrey Breem, said the offence carried a maximum fine of £5,000. He said the fines took into account the facts that the wife was unemployed — she is awaiting a work permit — and that the husband was not sure of finding work in London.

After the case Graydon Denn condemned British laws which demand stricter prohibition on the movement of animals than in other European Union countries.

"To put a dog for half a year in a unit with no contact with other human beings or animals when its life expectancy is five or six years maximum is ludicrous and there should be some kind of change," he added.

Balak is being held under a 15-day quarantine order at the Corporation of London's Heathrow Animal Centre. Denn said the animal would then be flown back to Israel and looked after by friends because they did not want it pining in a quarantine unit for six months.



Graydon and Tamar Denn outside court yesterday

Loved ones book place in heaven

BY NICK NUTTALL

AN AMERICAN funeral company is planning to fly cremated ashes into orbit, using urns carried piggy-back on commercial space rockets.

Charles Chafer, vice-president of Celestis, the company offering the service, said yesterday: "Some choose to have their ashes sprinkled on the ocean. Some want ashes to be scattered from an airplane. We've just added another option. We see this as the most environmentally clean way of disposing of ashes."

British funeral directors said yesterday that they would be happy to offer the service to customers. A spokeswoman for the National Association of Funeral Directors, in Solihull, said: "The disposal of remains is a very personal affair and whatever relatives wish to do, our members will do all they can to help."

The cost for Britons will be close to the quoted £3,000 with the only extra being a charge for posting the ashes to the company's headquarters in Houston, Texas. The inaugural flight would be next year.

Walker, star of astrology, dies at 64

BY EDWARD GORMAN

PATRIC WALKER, whose astrological predictions appeared in magazines and newspapers around the world from *Harpers & Queen* to the *South China Morning Post*, has died at the age of 64.

Mr Walker had contracted salmonella poisoning during the summer. Despite treatment at the Lister and University College hospitals in London, Mr Walker was unable to shake off the infection and died at his Kensington home on Sunday.

The *London Evening Standard*, which ran his daily column for 15 years, replaced it with a large picture of Mr Walker in its later editions yesterday. The newspaper said that Mr Walker had changed horoscope writing for a whole generation and was "the universally acknowledged master of his craft".

Shelley von Strunckel, an American astrologer who worked with him at the newspaper for a while, said that he took astrology "from a tawdry, rather downmarket amusement and brought to it reflection, elegance of language and thoughtfulness".

A Roman Catholic who saw no conflict between astrology and religious conviction, Mr Walker believed that people read horoscopes when they had problems. The four constant ones were love, work, health and money.

"A lot of what I write is advice: 'Get on with it. Don't whinge'," he said recently. "I like people who are prepared to accept that without a loss, a challenge, without suffering, life isn't complete."

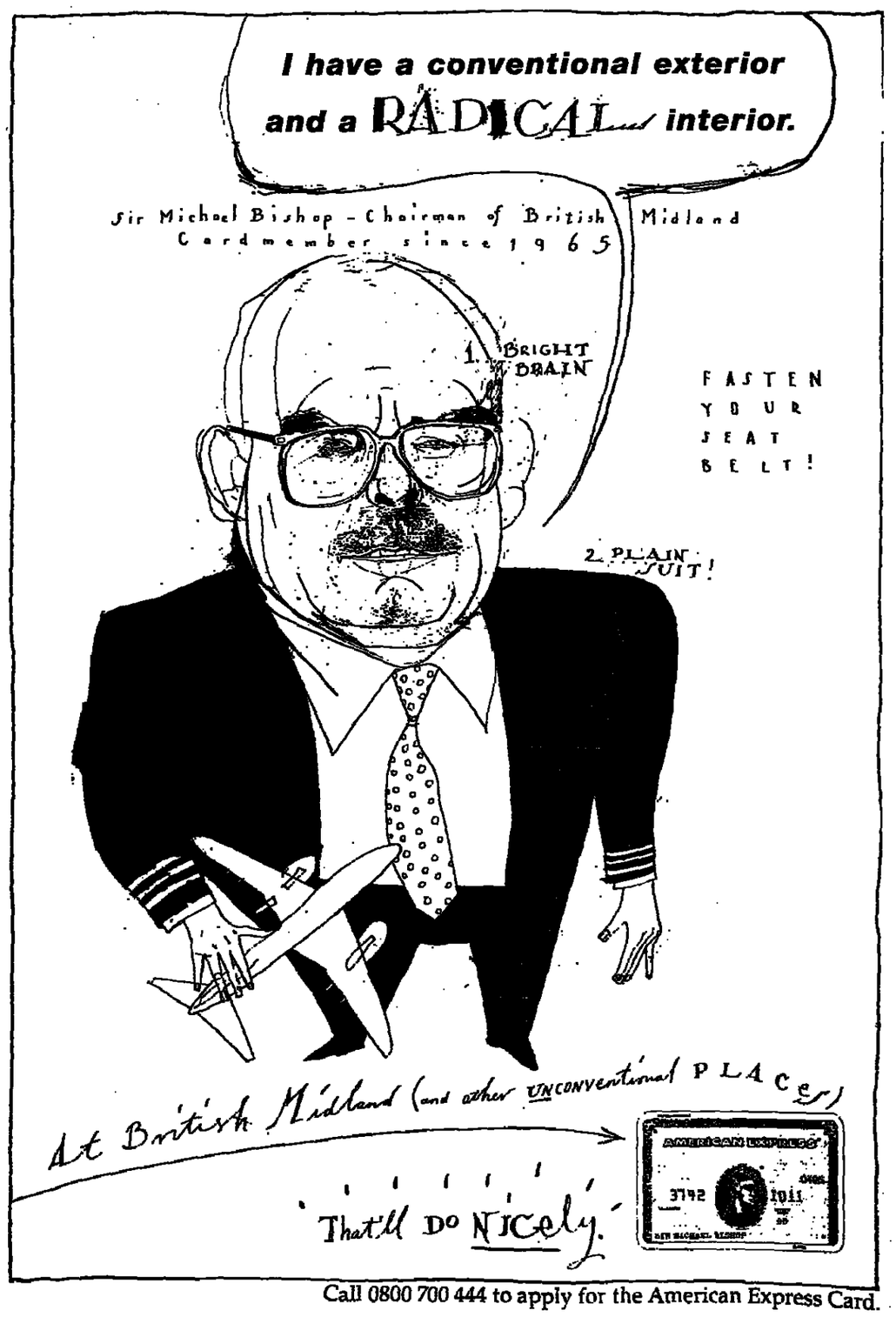
Mr Walker — a Libran whose birthday was September 25 — took up astrology after meeting Helene Hoskins, the American practitioner known as Celeste, at a dinner party in 1959. His initial scepticism developed into a genuine belief.

A private man, Mr Walker spent much of his time in the village of Lindos on the Greek island of Rhodes.



Walker: saw his role as helping with problems

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Labour leader's wife defends the Conservative council that made 2,000 redundant

Mrs Blair finds herself an unlikely Tory ally

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A CONSERVATIVE council that has made more than 2,000 employees redundant had an unlikely champion at an industrial tribunal yesterday — Cherie Booth, QC, wife of the Labour leader.

Brent council, once the *bête noire* of the Tories, fell into Conservative control in the 1991 local elections and is now the prize object of Labour's scorn.

Ms Booth, who is representing the council against allegations of unfair dismissal brought by 55 former employees, opened the case at the North London Industrial Tribunal Centre by contrasting the efficiency of the Conservative regime against the old Labour authority.

Ms Booth, who specialises in employment law, said: "In the summer of 1992 the revenue and benefit service within Brent were facing a crisis. They were inefficient in terms of the service they were providing for the public and in terms of collecting the revenues which were essential if Brent was to provide a total quality service."

The benefit service, which administered housing benefit to those in need, was in a shambles, she said. "A service which was supposed to make the plight of the poorest people in Brent better was actually making their situation worse," she said.

When the Conservatives took over, however, they introduced reforms that worked. "Within two years, far from being ashamed of its revenues and benefits service, Brent had achieved a charter mark for excellence in 1994," she said.

Some half dozen representatives of the trade union Unison sat behind Ms Booth in their public seating, muttering occasionally under their breath.

"The transformation of the service was only achieved after a radical restructure of the entire system," Ms Booth said, "a root-and-branch reform carried through with a determination to ensure that Brent would never again find itself in the shameful position it had been in 1992."

The number of staff was reduced from 340 to 251 in the finance department with 55 employees claiming unfair dismissal. Forty-one cited racial discrimination and 26 sexual discrimination. Several also complained that they had been made redundant because of their membership of trade unions.

Her comments were all too much for one of the trade union officials observing the proceedings for Unison. Mike Custance, 38, said: "I'm sure Cherie Blair can pick and choose what job she wants. I simply cannot understand how the wife of the Labour leader can take a job representing a Tory employer which is sacking workers."

Mr Custance, a librarian, had a particular interest in the hearing. He was made redundant in the reorganisation programme.

Ms Booth declined to comment on her new-found role as champion of the Brent Conservatives but a spokesman for the Labour Party said that she was just doing her job.

The 55 employees, who are black and Asian, claim they lost their jobs because of their race or sex. Unison said their costs for the hearing could be up to £500,000. Brent council declined to comment on the fee being paid to Ms Booth, who is reputed to earn £200,000 a year.

At the start of the hearing Marjorie Don, the chairman of the tribunal, scolded Ms Booth for moving tables and chairs on her own. "Let a big strong man do that," she said. Ms Booth did not laugh. Everyone else did.

PETER TREVNOR



Cherie Booth arriving yesterday at the industrial tribunal in London

Mother's fire death linked to 11 other blazes

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE death of a woman after an arson attack in West Yorkshire has been linked to 11 other fires. Detectives said yesterday that the fire that led to the death of Janet Roberts, 44, a mother of eight, was connected to incidents in two neighbouring communities over the past 15 months.

They said that the fire-raiser could strike again and that lives could be at risk in Illingworth, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, where Mrs Roberts lived, and Mixenden, less than half a mile away.

John Appleyard, who lives near Mrs Roberts's house, said: "Until this person is caught everyone is a suspect. People cannot rest at night. They keep their doors and windows locked all the time." A woman aged 73, who asked not to be named, said: "Everyone is afraid. It is frightening to think that your neighbour could be responsible."

Mrs Roberts died in hospital on August 3, 11 days after she jumped from her bedroom window. She had suffered burns and injuries in the fall. The arsonist had set fire to petrol thrown at the front door as she slept upstairs with her husband. Her four youngest children and a grandchild were also in the house. The death is being treated as murder.

No motive has emerged for the attacks, but police are considering the possibility of a grudge. One house in Illingworth has been attacked five times and another in Mixenden has been set alight three times. Both are occupied by friends of Mrs Roberts.

Most of the attacks have caused minor damage while the occupants were out, but in July last year a family of four had to flee their home after a dustbin full of burning material was pushed against their front door as they slept.

In the worst of the five attacks on the Illingworth house, the ground floor was gutted while the occupants were out. The family has now moved away.

Detective Chief Inspector Howard Crowther, of Halifax police, said: "This person has killed once, I am worried that it could happen again. They are entirely reckless about the threats to the lives of adults and even young children. I have no doubt that the person who killed Mrs Roberts will continue to start fires."

A man was arrested last Wednesday in connection with her death but was released shortly afterwards without charge. Mr Crowther yesterday appealed for anyone who might have seen any of the fires to contact his officers.

Hundreds of bombs washed up on beaches

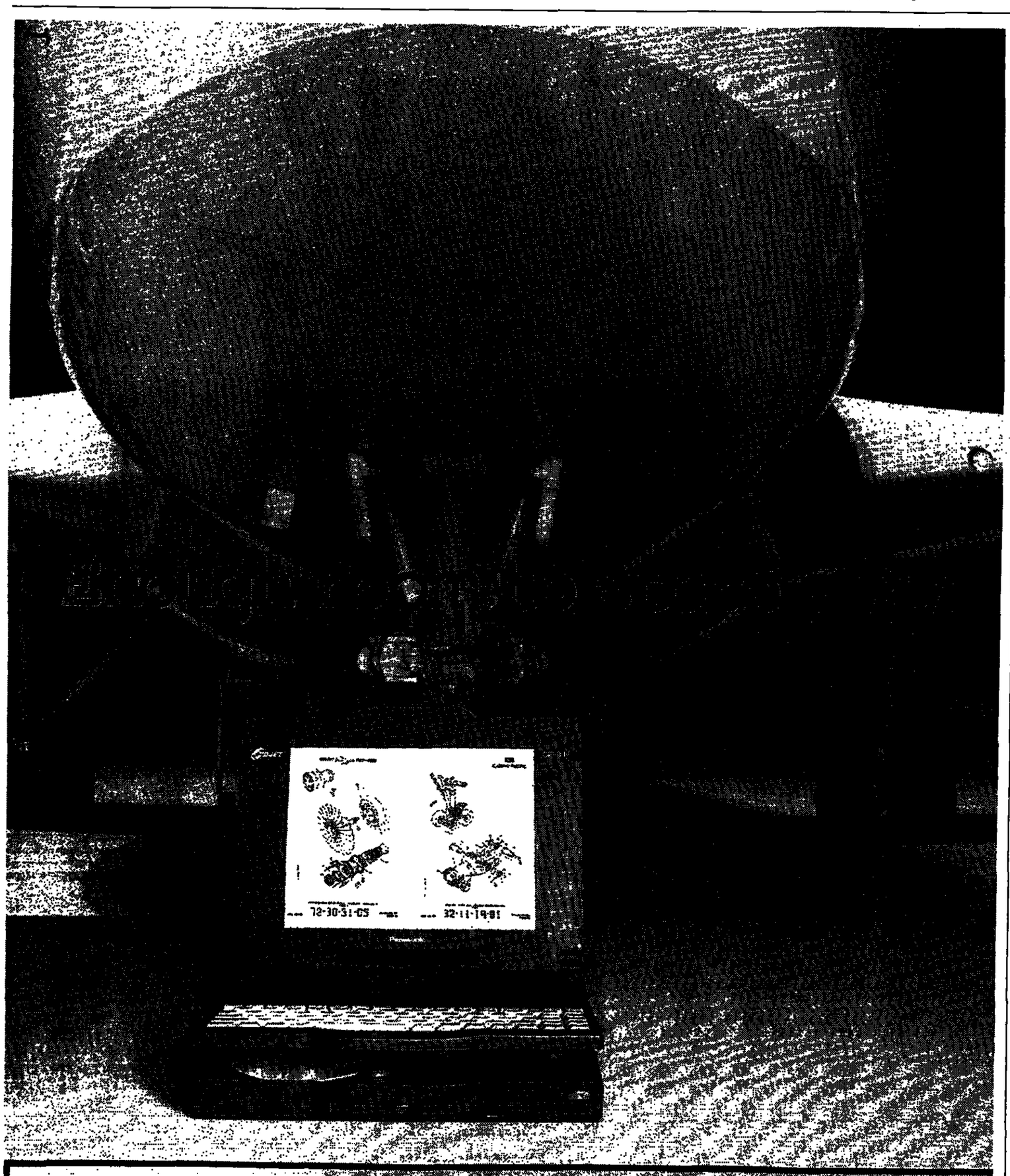
BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

MORE than 500 bombs have been washed up on some of Scotland's most popular beaches in the past few days. Strathclyde Police are urging people to avoid the beaches and on no account handle the devices, some dating from the Second World War, which contain phosphorus.

Local authorities in the areas have started a clean-up campaign with police and fire departments. The bombs are yellowish brown and about 9in long and 3in wide. They look like discarded paint rollers.

Hundreds have been found at Arran, Millport, Cumbrae, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston and Carradale. The bombs are believed to be from surplus supplies dumped in the sea by the Ministry of Defence over 70 years. Scientists say at least a million tonnes of bombs and chemical weapons were dumped in Beauforts Dyke, an underwater trench.

British Gas has recently started exploratory drilling in the area. It says it has surveyed the area thoroughly and that drilling is taking place some distance from the dumping site.



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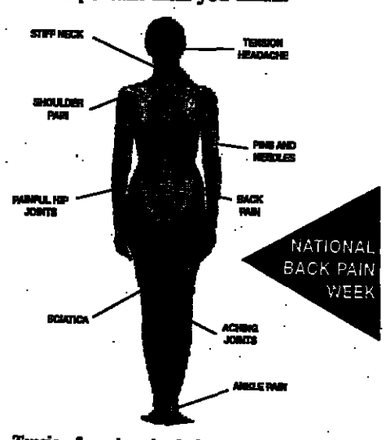
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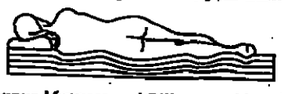
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Even as prime minister, he escaped as often as possible to the riverside estate of his ancestors

Douglas-Home: a leader by destiny, a laird at heart

BY ALAN HAMILTON AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

IF EVER a man died close to his roots, it was Lord Home of the Hirsel. The life peerage he accepted after his brief prime ministerial career was named after the 20,000-acre estate at Coldstream on the banks of the Tweed that had been the seat of the earls of Home since 1611 and which was the place Alec Douglas-Home loved most.

Even when prime minister, he would escape there as often as possible to be near the salmon and the pheasant. Lord Home was loved by all who worked on the estate, according to local reports yesterday, and enjoyed the reputation of a perfect gentleman.

In retirement, he retreated there to follow the countryman's pursuits of bird and butterfly watching. He and his family recorded more than 160 species of birds on the estate.

The man who accompanied Chamberlain to meet Hitler at Munich in 1938 was never anything other than a Scottish laird, even if his background was glossed with an Eton education. In his garden, he could relax under an ancient sycamore said to have been planted to commemorate the Scottish defeat at Flodden. When the 14th Earl of Home laid down his ancient title in 1963 to fill the breach left by the ailing Harold Macmillan, he was the first man since the Marquess of Salisbury in 1895 to travel directly from the House of Lords to 10 Downing Street. He was an exotic creature, even by the standards of his immediate predecessor, who was in essence an aristocratic Edwardian who pretended to ordinariness and whose family had dirtied their hands with commerce. Sir Alec Douglas-Home never pretended to be anything other than what he was, a hereditary landowner whose money, such as it was, was the oldest of old. The debatable lands of the Scottish border were controlled, not by Highland clans but by powerful warring families — Hamilton, Home and Douglas chief among them — all happy to cut each other's throats for the chance of a hand on the Scottish throne.



Plunged into limelight as Chamberlain's aide and trained for political battle on the playing fields of Eton, Douglas-Home was nevertheless happiest at his Scottish seat

In brief interludes between internecine strife, they intermarried.

The Homes are easily traceable to the late 13th century, when the Scottish king William the Lion granted them a castle. They were around at the time in which the film *Braveheart* is set, but it is as well not to explore too deeply on which side of the Border the loyalties of the great lowland families of those days lay.

Sir Alexander Home, a direct ancestor, was created Scottish ambassador to England in 1459. The third Lord Home commanded the Scottish van at Flodden in 1513, and was one of the few Scots commanders to survive a terrible slaughter at English hands, only a few bloody miles from the Hirsel.

Lord Home also claimed among his ancestors, although perhaps not in the most direct line, the greatest figure of the 18th-century Scottish Enlightenment, the philosopher David Hume, who with his contemporary Adam Smith laid the intellectual foundations of the political creed embraced by Baroness Thatcher.

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Failing schools prompt 'sweep' by inspectors

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

INSPECTORS are to check every school in two London boroughs after one in three was found to be failing.

Ofsted, the school inspection agency, said urban problems were no excuse for the low standards seen by its staff in Lambeth and Waltham Forest.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said all the uninspected schools in both boroughs, including those that have opted out of council control, would be visited during 1996. The urgent checks were necessary because five of the 16 schools inspected in Lambeth, south London, and four out of 12 in Waltham Forest, northeast London, were failing to give pupils an acceptable standard of education.

At one Lambeth-controlled school, Mostyn Gardens Primary in Brixton, inspectors said every subject apart from music was unsatisfactory. Failing schools have to draw up an action plan and show standards are improving to avoid takeover by a government-appointed hit squad.

Mr Woodhead said: "Inspections thus far of schools in these authorities indicate they have a much higher percentage of failing schools than any other authority in the country." It was essential to find out whether the schools were poor because of management, teaching methods and expectations or local authority support. Lambeth is a hung council and Waltham Forest has minority Labour control.

Mr Woodhead added: "Schools in these boroughs are functioning within very difficult economic and social circumstances. But there are other schools within very similar circumstances that are succeeding."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, welcomed Ofsted's measures. She added: "It is clear there are pockets of under-achievement in different areas of the country and a particular problem in some parts of London."

Mr Woodhead denied there was any significance in the timing of the announcement on the eve of the Conservative conference, where standards in schools will be a prominent issue.

Shelagh Webb, Labour education spokeswoman in Lambeth, said she hoped the borough's successful schools would not be tarnished with the brush of failure through Ofsted's action.

Huw Morgan-Thomas, leader of Waltham Forest council, said: "There is always room for improvement but that does not justify crisis measures from Ofsted."

Governors braced for more cuts

BY IAN MURRAY

SCHOOLS have been warned they face further cuts in spending after an attempt to win an increase in funding appeared to fail yesterday. Council leaders, who met John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to discuss local authority grants for next year, came away convinced that their claim for a 2.2 per cent increase had been rejected by the Treasury.

Education authorities have written to all school governors saying that the year ahead is likely to be even bleaker than the present one, which saw a £600 million shortfall in budgets and a 2.2 per cent reduction in the amount of money spent on each child of compulsory school age.

Boarding sector seeks royal fillip

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BOARDING schools are hoping that Prince William will undo the damage done to their image by his father's well-publicised memories of an unhappy childhood at Gordonstoun in the 1960s.

The schools launched a public relations offensive yesterday to try to reverse a steady decline in enrolments. Pupil numbers have dropped 20 per cent in a decade.

Dick Davison, deputy director of the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), said boarding had suffered because of a "handful of well-known but disaffected former pupils" whose experiences did not reflect the changes that had taken place in recent years. "Prince Charles is a prominent but typical example. There has been no opportunity yet to ask Prince William his view of boarding, but it is probably very different from his father's." Prince William joined Eton this term.

An Isis survey of 5,000 parents found that one in three believed that sending their children to boarding school led to a closer relationship. Fewer than one in ten felt they were more distant. Nearly nine in ten parents took the child's views into account before choosing a boarding school.

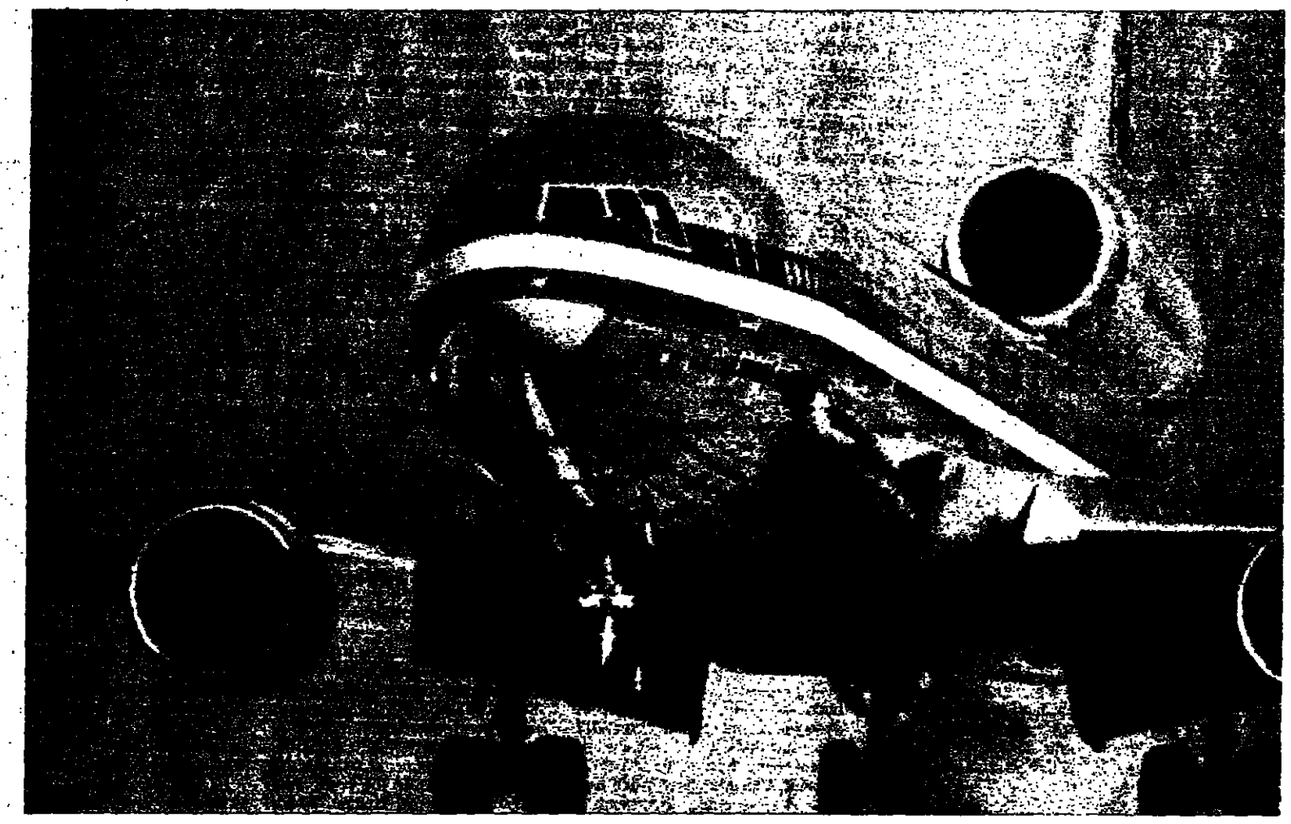
Parents cited the extra-curricular benefits of boarding, particularly the maturity and independence it gave their children, more often than academic excellence as the reason for their choice. A quarter of the parents had not been boarders themselves.

Mr Davison said: "This survey should nail for ever the myth that boarding parents are selfish egotists who cannot wait to hand over their responsibility to others."

Half of the boarders covered by the survey spent four or more nights at home during terms, in addition to half-term. Some telephoned home several times a week, but only one boarder in nine wrote every week and one parent in eight never wrote.

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She said to me: 'You don't know him, there's nothing he wouldn't do, even murder'

Mother-in-law says softly spoken West scared Rosemary

BY RICHARD DUCE AND BILL FROST

ROSEMARY WEST thought that her future husband was capable of anything, including murder, her mother told Winchester Crown Court yesterday. A frail-looking and grey-haired Daisy Letts, 76, was the first prosecution witness in the case against her 41-year-old daughter who is accused of ten murders.

Mrs Letts told how Frederick West called at her home 25 years ago to get Rosemary to return to live with him after she had left him during a domestic dispute. During a doorstep confrontation at Mrs Letts's home in Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, she told how her daughter turned to her and said: "You don't know, you don't know him. There is nothing he would not do.' "I thought, I am almost sure, that she said 'even murder' or something of that expression," Mrs Letts said.

Although she appeared frightened of him, her daughter agreed to return with the softly spoken West. "I did not want her to go back with Fred but Fred was saying, 'Come along Rosie, come home'."

Rosemary West pleads not guilty to murdering 10 young womens and girls, including her own daughter. The alleged victims are: Charmaine West, eight, Heather West, 16, Shirley Ann Robinson, Shirley Hubbard, Therese Siegenthaler, Linda Gough, Carol Ann Cooper, Lucy Partington, Juanita Mott and Alison Chambers.

Mrs Letts told the jury that both she and her husband William, now dead, had never liked or trusted West, who first met them when he was 25. He was ten years older than their daughter. He already had two children, Charmaine and Anne-Marie. Mrs Letts believed him to be their daughter's first boyfriend.

She said: "He said he had a hotel and a caravan site in Scotland." Mrs Letts later discovered that her daughter had set up home with West in a caravan in Herefordshire. Under cross-examination from Richard Ferguson, QC, for Mrs West, Mrs Letts admitted her husband had done everything in his power to break up their daughter's relationship with West. Mr

Rosemary West



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Letts had once threatened West and locked his daughter in her room to prevent her from seeing him, she said.

Mr Ferguson asked: "Frederick West, this older man. You certainly did not like him, Mrs Letts?" She replied: "No sir. He used to boast and tell lies." Mr Ferguson said: "Can you remember him saying something like this to Rose, that if she did not come back to him within 10 minutes she would find her place in his bed would be occupied by another woman?" Mrs Letts said: "He may have said such things. He used to talk fast and I could not always catch what he said. He talked very quickly and very quietly."

Mr and Mrs Letts even put their daughter into care to keep her away from West but when she became 16 she was free to join him. Their daughter became pregnant with her first daughter, Heather, but Mrs Letts did not learn of the child's existence until four months after she was born.

Mrs Letts said that Heather, Charmaine and Anne-Marie all appeared to be well cared for. However, she had once called at her daughter's home in Midland Road, Gloucester, to find Charmaine alone in the flat. It was the last time she saw her.

The prosecution claims that Mrs West, a mother of seven, murdered Charmaine, seven, because she disliked the child and could not control her. When Mrs Letts asked her daughter what had happened to Charmaine she was told that the child had returned to live with her natural mother, Rena Costello.

In 1994 the girl's remains were discovered buried under the Wests' former home in Midland Road. Mrs Costello's body was also found buried in a field, but it is not alleged that Mrs West was responsible.

Mrs West's older sister, Glenys Tyler, said that both she and her mother eventually became worried about Charmaine. "As time went by it concerned me that we never heard anything more of her. Mum and I discussed whether to get a private detective but we never did." Neither Mrs Letts nor Mrs Tyler looked at Rosemary West as they gave evidence from the witness box yesterday. Mrs West stared at them from the dock of number three court some 30ft away. Mrs Tyler told the court how her younger sister struggled to look after her stepdaughters, particularly Charmaine. The child often wet the bed and this "annoyed and irritated" her sister. Under cross-examination she said she was not close to her sister and regarded her as "childish" during her teens. Mrs Tyler denied that West had made sexual advances to her but she told how he gave her a lift in his van to Gloucester on one occasion and said that he and Rosemary had an open marriage. He had asked whether she had ever thought of trying an open relationship. It was suggested, no more than that. She said she did not like the "smutty" conversation which he had initiated.

Mrs Tyler said she was not surprised when her sister said that Heather, allegedly the Wests' final murder victim, had left home. "My daughter spoke to Heather and Heather told her that as soon as she was 16 she would leave home."

Mrs Tyler was asked if Frederick West showed embarrassment or pleasure when he said Shirley Robinson was pregnant with his child. She replied: "It was certainly not something he tried to hide." She was appalled at the news.

Questioned by Mr Ferguson, Mrs Tyler agreed that she had not been close to her younger sister. Rosemary was closer to her younger brothers. She also agreed that she did not "take" to her sister's companion, and later her husband, Frederick West.

Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, earlier told the jury that Mrs West consistently lied to police and must have been aware of the killings, dismembering and concealment of bodies taking place at Cromwell Street, the couple's last home in Gloucester. She was also involved with her husband in enticing and encouraging at least a number of the victims to the house, he said.

The trial continues.



Rosemary West listening from the dock as her mother Daisy Letts, 76, gives evidence at the trial yesterday

Girl 'was chastised with a spoon'

THE jury was told how Rosemary West taught her stepdaughter Charmaine "a lesson" by tying her hands behind her back, making her stand on a chair and menacing her with a large wooden spoon.

A neighbour of the Wests at Midland Road, Gloucester, said the punishment had been witnessed by her own young daughter, who was Charmaine's best friend. Shirley Giles said that her daughter had been very upset at what she had seen. The child told her that Rosemary West was standing by the chair with a wooden spoon as if to smack Charmaine.

Mrs Giles said: "My daughter Tracey went down to borrow some milk one morning. She came back very very distressed. I spoke to Mrs West about it who told me that Charmaine had been naughty and she was going to teach her a lesson, the difference between right and wrong.

"She [Mrs West] said Charmaine was very wilful and that it was getting her down." Mrs West also told her neighbour that she had been in touch with Charmaine's natural mother and the child would go and live with her. Mrs Giles said her neighbour ruled her young family with "a steel rod".

Charmaine West's body was discovered in a shallow grave beneath the kitchen of 25 Midland Road in April 1994. On a subsequent visit to the house after having moved to Cinderford, Mrs Giles was told by the defendant that her step-daughter had gone to live with her real mother "and bloody good riddance" said Mrs West. "Tracey was very upset about it", said Mrs Giles. Frederick West at that time was serving a jail sentence, she told the court.

Mutilated bodies spoke 'from beyond the grave' of terrible crimes

BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

THE alleged victims of Rosemary West spoke "from beyond the grave" of the terrible circumstances in which they met their end at 25 Cromwell Street, the jury at Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.

There was also chilling evidence of how all but one of the ten young women who died suffered mutilation. Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, did not say whether this had taken place before or after death. Every set of remains had bones missing, he told the jury. However, one or both kneecaps had been removed from seven of the victims and another was found in a makeshift grave without a shoulder blade. "Fingers could well have been removed to render the task of identification more difficult ... why, though, is one or both kneecaps missing? The only answer is mutilation," said Mr Leveson.

He asked the jury on the second full day of the trial at Winchester to remember how all but two of the bodies had been found with masking tape and bindings, a clear indication of sexual abuse before death. Each girl had been naked at the time of death.

"Graphic illustrations come from Lynda Gough with the ring mask of adhesive tape. Shirley Hubbard with that terrible mask, Juanita Mott with the clothes line intertwined about her limbs, Alison Chambers with the belt around the skull; and there are others, and they speak from the grave as to what happened to them," Mr Leveson said.

He said forensic science evidence ruled out the possibility that the victims had been buried elsewhere from the place where they were found after death, allowed to decompose and then moved to Cromwell Street. Dark soil found near their graves was "due to disillusion of the soft tissues of the body into the earthfill and indicates that at the very least considerable quantities of flesh, muscle and other tissue had originally been present. Consider how much time it must have taken after death to deal with the remains, dismember the bodies, dig the hole, fill over the remains, dispose of the excess fill, the clothing and belongings of the victims, tidy up and clear up the mess not merely around the cellar," Mr Leveson told the jury. Perhaps the dismemberment had taken place after polythene sheeting had been laid on the floor, perhaps it was carried out in the bath, he continued.

"But, even assuming Rosemary West did not participate in the disposal and hiding of the bodies, she must have known it was going on. Remember where the remains were found; underneath what became a bathroom — five in the cellar, two outside the back door and right by the kitchen. From these facts alone, the only conclusion is that she had been fully involved," he said.

Mr Leveson told the jury that the Crown could not say how any of the alleged victims was attacked, the full extent of any force used or the precise cause of death. "With only skeletal remains we do not know if they were strangled or suffocated. We cannot even say they were not stabbed in such a way as not to mark any of the bones which were recovered. Nevertheless, I have no doubt that you will have no difficulty whatsoever in concluding that each of these girls was subject to unlawful force which caused death."

It was the Crown's case that Rosemary and Frederick West were "in it together". Seven victims — Linda Gough, Carol Ann Cooper, Lucy Partington, Therese Siegenthaler, Shirley Hubbard, Juanita Mott and Alison Chambers — met their death at the place where they were found; 25 Cromwell Street. "Rosemary West had a complete run of the place that each was murdered, that each body was dismembered and that each body was concealed," he said. "It must have been Rosemary who was involved in enticing and encouraging at the very least a number of the victims to Cromwell Street.

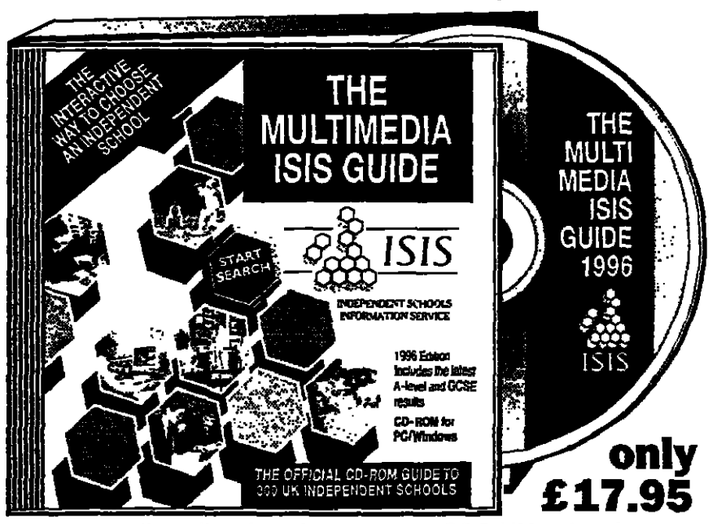
"Each of those seven girls had been the subject of sexual abuse and violence; the bindings, the mask, the absence of clothes all make it clear that considerable time and effort were involved. This was all at Cromwell Street not just for a few moments and not just at the behest of Frederick West. If, as we submit, the motive for the killings is some perverted sexual pleasure or to prevent complaints to the police, that involves Rosemary West just as much as Frederick. All the reasons for justifying the conclusion that the girls had been the subject of joint sexual abuse and violence apply equally to her as to him.

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Lawyers sheltered from censure on courtroom action

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BARRISTERS will be immune from censure over their courtroom performance under the profession's new complaints machinery, due to be approved by the Bar Council on Saturday.

The Bar scheme will give the public a formal route to register dissatisfaction about poor service generally by barristers, and to obtain up to £2,000 compensation. But it will specifically exclude advocacy in court, in line with the Bar's statutory immunity which protects barristers from being sued for negligence over presentation of a case.

The proposal to preserve the advocacy immunity in the new complaints scheme, even for complaints of poor performance rather than actual negligence, goes against a report last year by Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, the former Bar chairman. In his review of standards at the Bar, Lord Alexander proposed a complaints scheme that would have allowed barristers to be sued over shoddy work, including court presentation.

Mark Stobbs, secretary to the Bar Council's professional standards committee, said: "If the complaint amounts to professional misconduct, the Bar will investigate it and take disciplinary action. But it was felt that the policy considerations underlying the immunity rule — that cases should not be re-litigated — applied just as much here." It would be difficult, he said, to award compensation in respect of poor work in court without, in effect, retrying the case.

There is growing support for abolition of the immunity. Yesterday a senior sheriff questioned the principle in Scottish law. Sheriff Principal Gordon Nicholson, QC, dismissed an appeal in a claim for £150,000 brought against Christopher Haddow, QC. He said that he was bound by the law, dating from a ruling in 1876, but that he had some sympathy with the man bringing the claim, Thomas Crooks.

The Sheriff said the 1876 decision should be reviewed "to see if it properly reflects what ought to be the position".

Earlier this year John Powell, QC, an expert on professional negligence, wrote in the Bar Council magazine: "Barristers' immunity is exceptional and as a profession we do not need it. If it is to be retained, it must be justified anew and clearly defined." He said that the immunity "taints the profession's public standing relative to others, especially doctors".

Michael Barnes, the legal services ombudsman, who has criticised the immunity for obstructing his investigation of complaints, said: "It is very unsatisfactory that the Bar is not allowing people to complain over shoddy work in court. If a complaint is that the barrister failed to call a witness or did not argue a point correctly, then I cannot investigate. It falls squarely within the immunity. If the complaint is over the fact that they were offensive, or drunk, then I will look into it. But the position is still undefined and subject to challenge in the courts."



Coltrane: *Cracker* star

News at Ten move attacked

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

ITV will breach its broadcasting licence if it goes ahead with plans to delay *News at Ten* and shows the hit drama *Cracker* instead, broadcasting watchdogs have said.

The Independent Television Commission said that the decision to move the news programme to 10.15pm next Monday would mean that the second half of the programme would fall outside the "peak-time" period of 6.30pm to 10.30pm, in contravention of specific licence agreements held by the regional ITV companies. It would grant approval for it to be moved only in exceptional circumstances.

A spokeswoman for ITV could not explain why the ITV companies had not sought prior approval. The 75-minute episode of *Cracker*, starring Robbie Coltrane and written by Jimmy McGovern, marks the first episode of the final series of the programme.

Scotland spends £8bn more than it raises in tax

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government published figures yesterday which show that Scotland is about £8 billion in the red in tax terms, with the country spending £1,500 more a year than it raises for every adult and child north of the border.

The figures show that the Government spends £5,550 per head of population in Scotland compared with £4,870 for Britain as a whole, but they also show that the Scots pay more tax. Taxes raised in Scotland, excluding North Sea oil revenues, amount to £3,975 per head compared with £3,950 for Britain as a whole.

The figures were labelled "a propaganda exercise" by the Scottish National Party, which has always maintained that Scotland can easily afford independence and would be better off with an independent economy.

John Swinney, SNP Treasury spokesman, said: "Scotland is a wealthy country, richer than Finland and on a par with Sweden, and would thrive with the economic benefits of independence in Europe."

Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, claimed that the figures had been published to boost the Conservatives on the eve of their conference. He also criticised the use of Scottish Office civil servants in devising figures that he said were for party political purposes.

The figures show that government spending in Scotland was £28.4 billion in 1993-94, the equivalent of 10 per cent of the UK budget. The Scottish Office notes that Scotland's population is only 8.8 per cent of the British total.

Revenues, excluding tax from North Sea oil, were £20.4 billion, the equivalent of 8.9 per cent of total UK revenues. The Scottish Office said the the extent to which government spending in Scotland exceeds tax revenues raised in Scotland, was £8 billion, excluding North Sea revenues and privatisation proceeds. That is the equivalent of 15 per cent of Scottish gross domestic product, whereas for the UK as a whole the ratio is 8.5 per cent.

Mr Swinney said that the report included the first government admission that the Scots paid more tax than the rest of Britain and he said in a year when the UK deficit increased by 25 per cent the figures showed that the Scottish deficit fell.

He said the figures were unreliable and out of date. "The differential effects of the recession means that Scotland's position has strengthened considerably in recent years," he said.

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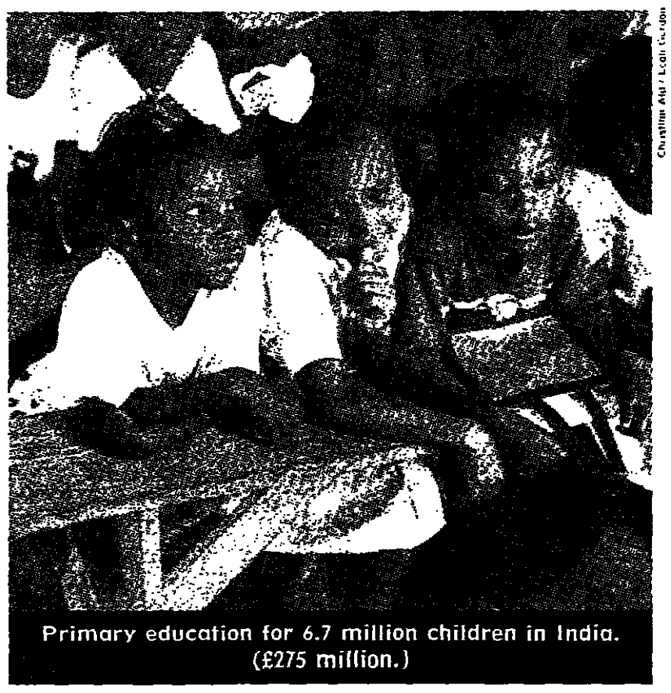
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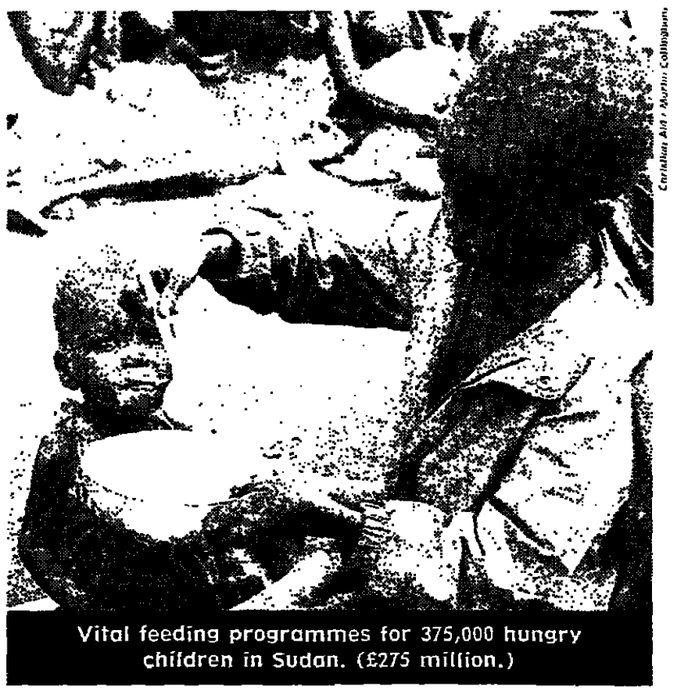
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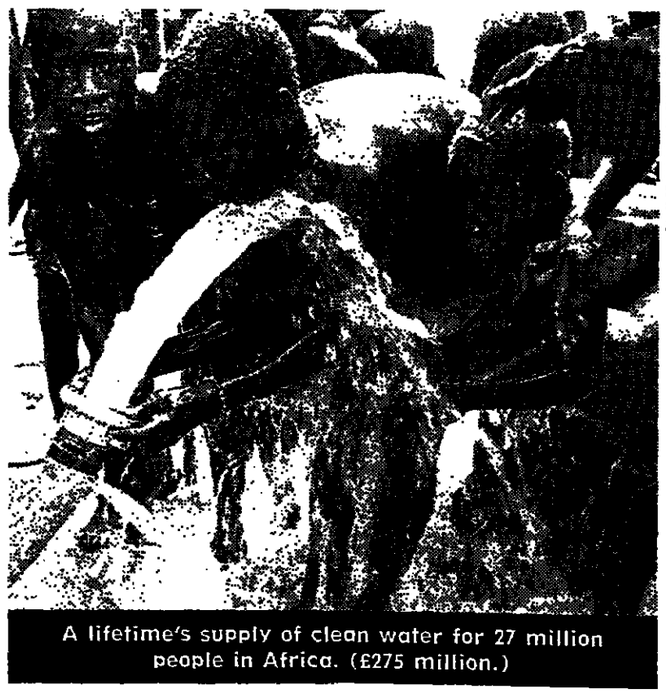
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Activists demand right-wing riposte against party defector

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

TORY activists arrived at Blackpool station last night in defiant mood, determined that Alan Howarth's defection would not ruin their annual conference. Not even the news that their former leader, Lord Home of the Hirsel, had died could distract them from their anger.

After months of despondency about their dismal poll results, the party workers are suddenly galvanised. Most want revenge against Mr Howarth in the form of a package of right-wing policies, including tax cuts and crackdowns on benefit scroungers.

"Sir Alec Douglas-Home was a typical example of what this party stands for, unlike vermin like Howarth," Sheila Meller, 53, a beautician from Birmingham, said. "He was dignified, considerate, loyal and firm — no spin doctoring, false promises or soundbites like Mr Blair's Labour."

"Mr Major was really beginning to turn this party round. Our MPs are much older than Labour's and we only need a couple of them to die and we will have a general election on our hands. We are still too weak to fight Labour yet." She was joined by Malcolm Mulheron, from Eastwood in Strathclyde, and others sporting "Save Alastair Campbell" badges, which referred to the loathed Labour spin doctor. Mr Mulheron said: "That man Howarth is in no man's land, completely isolated. How would you like it if a family member, that you have bought up and nurtured, turned round and spat in your face the moment things get tough. Labour won't adopt him. He was a one-day wonder for them."

While Mr Howarth is the conference villain, Mr Redwood, who merely challenged the Prime Minister for his job, is now the conference darling, eclipsing all the Michaels: Portillo, Heseltine and Howard. Everyone had circled his fringe speeches in their guide.

Party agents had arrived earlier for their AGM in the afternoon. After holding a minute's silence for Lord Home's death and placing a black ribbon over his photograph on the Imperial Hotel's bar wall, they also got down to grittier issues. Most admitted that the humiliating local elections results in May had been the low point in their careers. Many were still smarting from having lost their seats on county councils. "We were just beginning to hope that things were going our way again this summer," one said. "John Major showed guts in the leadership election and Labour was a shambles with Mr Blair on holiday. Then this happened and you have to wonder whether Mr Major's card isn't fatally marked."

Others admitted privately that morale was still fragile and too many more "accidents like this one" would bring the Government to its knees. Another said: "They have to stop alienating their natural middle-class voters voters and start putting money back in their pockets. Sometimes I think the people in Westminster have given up on winning a fifth term and just haven't bothered to tell the foot-troops." Most insisted that education must be given a higher priority.

Stewart Lister, agent for Luton North, could only talk of Mr Howarth. "Good riddance to bad rubbish. There is no way we are lurching too far to the Right. If anything, Mr Major is bending over backwards to accommodate the Left with his new Cabinet and we need to get much tougher on Europe, crime and benefit fiddlers," he said. Liz Vaughan, the agent for Scarborough, said: "Mr Howarth's defection will stiffen our backbone. It's outrageous that he doesn't have the decency to go for a by-election." Other agents said they would swamp the constituency at election time to ensure the Tories retained the seat.

Tony Slater, agent for Tiverton and Honiton, in the West Country where only one Tory council remains, said: "This is John Major's last chance before an election to woo the country with a raft of new policies. It's vital to get this week right."

Howarth's choice was 'hypocrisy or new Labour'

Alan Howarth tells Peter Riddell how disillusionment with the Tories and an "occasional flutter of interest" in Labour grew into a conviction he could not ignore

TONY WHITE



Alan Howarth at home in Warwickshire yesterday, where he accused John Major of allowing an advance of the aggressive ideological Right

ALAN HOWARTH talks like a man suddenly freed. The conflicts of loyalty that he has faced over the past year or more have been resolved. He has escaped, in the most dramatic way possible, from the Tory party and is now at the first, happy stage of excitement about what he describes, in correct Blairite language, as the new Labour Party.

All the problems of finding a winnable Labour seat are for the future. For the moment, at least, there is just a sense of personal rebirth. Speaking yesterday to *The Times*, he described a parallel process of increasing disillusionment with the Tory party and increasing attraction to Labour.

He is even relaxed about the attacks aimed at him by senior Tories since Saturday evening. He regards Brian Mawhinney's accusation of being eccentric almost as a badge of honour. "It is an interesting choice of term, and perfectly right in its original use as meaning off-centre and out of the conventional range. There was a time when I was well within the mainstream of the Conservative Party. But the party has tended so far to the Right that I have been marginalised. It is a nice question whether I was excluded from the Tory party or whether I excluded myself".

Mr Howarth is unrepentant over the timing of his announcement, creating maximum impact on the eve of the Tory conference. He acknowledges the hurt to old friends, but says it would have been "hypocritical" for him to go to Blackpool where he was due to speak in a fringe debate today.

"I was clearly no longer a Conservative and it would have been a false and dishonest thing to have gone. When I came to a decision, I thought I should say so." He denies that any understanding has been reached with Labour about help in obtaining a new seat. He talks, somewhat disingenuously, as merely being the latest of many people on the first rung of the Labour ladder, while acknowledging that local parties resent guidance from the centre on favoured candidates.

His decision has mystified many of his old allies on the Tory Left. They sympathise with many of his worries but argue that their influence has increased following John Major's re-election as leader and the Cabinet reshuffle in July. He believes that these events have made no difference. Mr Major has, he argues, allowed the advance of the "aggressive ideological Right" to happen. "He might not have wished it to happen. But he is a prisoner of the Right."

Mr Howarth believes Mr Major had an "incomparable" opportunity in July to define his vision after his authority was renewed with his re-election when he addressed the party at the QE2 centre. He says he was disappointed by Mr Major's promises to give more advantages to the well-off with pledges about inheritance and capital gains tax when the poor were losing part of their unemployment benefit, and by his general desire to placate the Right.

His disillusionment has built up steadily since the election. He left the Government in April 1992 in part because of his disagreement with the way the expansion of higher education was working. He concluded that he would not have "substantial influence on the course of government at a senior level and it would be better to come out and find a new independence".

His doubts resulted from a succession of incidents which created "an occasional flutter of interest in joining Labour", such as the attacks on single mothers at the 1993 Tory conference: the Government's attitude to the freedom of information Bill which he backed; ministers' opposition to the Bill on rights for the disabled; and, in the last session, by the measure introducing the jobseeker's allowance.

His worries built up cumulatively and were reinforced by a refusal of ministers to respond or even to listen to his concerns. Hence his complaint about "the arrogance of power". He argues that the One Nation Tories are fighting a rearguard action against the Right. Dismissing parallels with the SDP defectors in 1981, who have seen Labour come full circle to their position then, Mr Howarth believes it will take "a very long time indeed" for these trends to be reversed — too long he implies for someone of his age. After Labour has won the next election, the Right will capture the party. "The pendulum will eventually swing back, but I don't anticipate it in my political lifetime".

Throughout, Mr Howarth emphasises the attractions of the new Labour Party. In place of discarded champions such as Kenneth Clarke, he talks with warmth about Gordon Brown, who is "very tough-minded in the development of economic policy", and John Prescott, with his One Nation appeal on Friday. Seeing no inconsistency as a former member of the free-market No Turning Back group, Mr Howarth talks about how Labour has changed. He was struck by the reception for Tony Blair's speech a week ago which, he says, showed that the heart of the conference was with him. The voices of "old" Labour — those who preach the politics of social division and class antagonism and who favour old style planning — are "a very rapidly diminishing minority".

Mr Howarth realises that it is never going to be the same again. Once the media interest has subsided, the warmth of his welcome by an unfamiliar new party may fade. The fate of MPs who cross the floor is generally bleak. But, for the moment, he has the enthusiasm of the convert to sustain him.

Rulebook threatens MP's future

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

ALAN HOWARTH might not be allowed to stand as a parliamentary candidate for Labour at the next election, according to Labour Party rules.

Labour's constitution says that all prospective parliamentary candidates must have been a member of the party for at least two years. At the next election — likely to be in April 1997 — Mr Howarth will have been a member for only 17 months.

However, Labour officials said last night that the party's National Executive Committee had the power to override the usual rules in the "interests of the party" and could allow Mr Howarth to become a candidate. The rules applied to prospective parliamentary candidates, not sitting Labour MPs such as Mr Howarth.

According to rule 4A.9 of the Labour constitution, "a person may not be eligible for nomination or selection as a parliamentary candidate by a constituency party and a candidate may not be endorsed by the NEC unless the person concerned has been an individual member of the party in accordance with the membership rules for at least two years". However, rule 4A.6 says: "The normal procedure may be dispensed with by the NEC where no valid nominations are received, or when an emergency arises or when the NEC are of the opinion that the interests of the party demand the suspension of the procedure laid down in this section." Labour officials said that the second rule allowed the NEC to waive the two-year quarantine period for certain candidates. "The two year rule applies under normal circumstances but there is already a power for the NEC to issue a dispensation," one of the officials said.

"Should Mr Howarth apply for a seat, he will be doing so as a sitting member of Parliament, which means that the usual rules will not apply. We don't have rules that previously needed to cover a Tory MP crossing the floor."

If Mr Howarth cannot become a Labour candidate at the next election, he will have to stand down after 12 years as an MP.



Labour launches recruitment drive at conference

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR intends to capitalise on Alan Howarth's defection from the Tory party by setting up a recruitment unit at the Blackpool conference.

Leaflets and membership forms will be handed to representatives as they go into the Winter Gardens conference centre today, and Shadow Cabinet members will hold daily press briefings to hammer home the message of "One Nation Labour".

Yesterday Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, was leading Labour's attempt to attract Tory voters. "It's welcome aboard time. All we need is another two or three Tory MPs and if we can get a defector a week we will," he said.

"It's open house to all Tories. We have membership forms for the Labour Party here and they're invited to fill them in. We may have to vet Cabinet ministers more closely than other delegates, but I say to any Conservative who wants to wander down the promenade, I am here."

Labour's recruitment leaflet will focus on splits within the Tory party and attack key figures such as Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. Hundreds of copies were being printed last night, claiming that Labour is the party of the people. It is expected to argue that the Tories have moved so far to the Right that Labour is now the only party that can speak for the whole nation.

The Labour unit, manned by six people and based at the Savoy Hotel, close to the Tory conference hotels on the Blackpool promenade, will also take every opportunity to expose any rifts within the Tory party.

They have scrutinised the motions submitted to the conference and unearthed 90 critical resolutions on Europe. Officials will also send copies of all ministerial speeches to Westminster for comment from Shadow Cabinet ministers.

The daily press briefings, held at the Savoy, will try to pre-empt the main speaker of the day. Today Mr Dobson will challenge Brian Mawhinney, the Tory party chairman, over the party's organisation and funding. He will also publish research showing that the Tories are £11.38 million in debt and company donations are down from a £2.2 million peak in 1987-88 to £900,000 in 1994-95.

☐ The Tory party is striving to match Labour's commitment to information technology by making conference proceedings available on the Internet. Party managers said yesterday that they aim was to reach the young "computer generation", many of whom fail to vote in elections.

Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, said that the Internet service (hftp://www.conservative-party.org.uk/) would offer a "new and exciting medium for communicating with a vast audience". However, his launch of the scheme — to a largely empty eve-of-conference hall — was in stark contrast to Tony Blair's high-profile attempt last week to link Labour with the information superhighway.



Dobson: hoping for more Tory defectors

Tate and Lyle cash blow to the Tories

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Conservatives suffered a fresh eve-of-conference blow yesterday when a leading company announced that it was cutting donations to the party and giving help to Labour for the first time.

Tate and Lyle said that it was cutting its annual £25,000 donation to the Tories to £15,000, and giving £7,500 and £2,500 to the Liberal Democrats. In 1992 it gave £50,000 to the Tory election fund.

Labour was delighted by the announcement. Party sources said they hoped it would start a trend of big firms hedging their bets over political donations to take account of Labour's huge lead in the polls.

Tate and Lyle said it strongly believed that political parties should be state-funded rather than have to rely for their income on big business or the unions. In taking its decision the board was said to have considered the performance of the "governing party", the changing stance of Labour and the role of the Liberal Democrats.

Tony Blair's decision to scrap Labour's Clause Four commitment to nationalisation was a main factor in the company's decision, a spokesman said.

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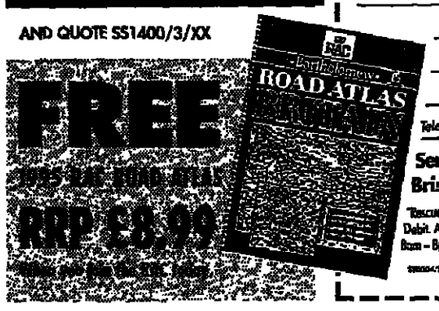
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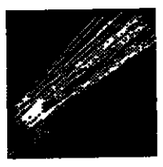
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EU tobacco subsidies condemned by minister

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A HEALTH minister clashed with a senior European Community official yesterday when he claimed that Europe was undermining anti-smoking measures by subsidising the tobacco industry.

Tom Sackville, a junior Health Minister, attacked the European Union for supporting tobacco farmers in Mediterranean countries with EC subsidies worth up to £3 million a day. He said it was "ironic and unsatisfactory" that while Britain had increased the tax on tobacco every year in the Budget, some of those taxes were used to subsidise tobacco production.

"It is not a foodstuff. This is something you can't even feed to animals. It is an extreme example of the inappropriate use of taxpayers' money," he said at a conference to launch a ten-point European code against cancer after a survey showed the British were the most ignorant in Europe about how to avoid the disease.

Professor Jocelyn Chamberlain, Emeritus Professor of Epidemiology at the Institute of Cancer Research, London, who had been invited to the conference to explain the cancer prevention code, cited figures showing that Europe is the second largest producer of cigarettes in the world after China and the largest exporter in the world with 218 billion cigarettes sold to non-EC countries in 1993.

Geoffrey Martin, head of the European Commission in Britain, accused Mr Sackville of misrepresenting the Government's policy and of overshadowing the launch of the European cancer code for party political reasons. He said the governments of the EU were working to phase out the subsidy.

"I'm concerned at the impression the minister gave in distancing himself from the policy of the UK Government. It would be ludicrous if the EU were supporting the smoking of cigarettes. The subsidies will be phased out as soon as possible but when you are dealing with areas of the Union whose principal earning power had been in agriculture it takes more than a few weeks to change things."

Tessa Jowell, a Labour health spokeswoman, said: "If this Government were serious it would ban tobacco advertising but its relationship with the tobacco companies matters more than its obligation to public health."

The code advises stopping smoking, reducing drinking, adjusting your diet, taking exercise and early attendance for screening and treatment. It says 125,000 cancer deaths a year could be avoided throughout the European Union. The survey showed that out of seven known cancer risks, including diet, drinking, and lack of exercise, most British people interviewed acknowledged smoking only as dangerous.



Sackville criticised use of tax revenues



More than 200 firefighters tackled a massive chemical fire yesterday at the BASF plant at Wilton, Cleveland. Residents were urged to stay indoors and schools and businesses were closed as thick black smoke rose from two warehouses holding 10,000 tonnes of plastic chips

Health league table could list hospital death rates

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is considering publishing "death rate" league tables for hospitals in England and Wales. Tables comparing mortality rates were published for Scottish hospitals last year and caused disquiet in the medical profession.

A Department of Health spokesman said that the Government was debating whether to include the statistic — which it prefers to call "clinical outcome" — in next year's league tables for all hospitals.

The figures, which would show the percentage of those admitted with life-threatening conditions who died within 30 days, would be added to performance indicators including waiting times and speed of treatment. "We are expanding the number of indicators in hospital league tables next year and we are looking to see if we can find a way of comparing like with like on clinical outcomes," a spokesman said.

He conceded that there were difficulties in, for example, comparing death rates for a hospital concentrating on complex heart operations with one specialising in a more straightforward field.

For that reason the proposal was not completely supported. But the department said it was keen to publish year-on-year "clinical outcome" comparisons for the same hospital. The difficulty is that once such information is public, it is all too easy to compile a league table.

The Scottish Office confirmed yesterday that, despite considerable opposition, it would be publishing death-rate tables again next year. A spokesman said that the Swedish hospital service was so impressed that it had sought advice on following the example.

The Scottish tables list the percentage of admissions with acute heart attacks, strokes and other symptoms dying within 30 days. They produced wide variations, from 15 per cent of those admitted with a heart attack to Western General dying within 30 days to a 30 per cent rate at Fife Hospital.

Opponents say the figures are "crude and misleading". The British Medical Association said: "We have been involved in discussions with the Department of Health and we are unimpressed. We are not opposed outright but death rate only gives part of the picture. We do not want hospitals stigmatised unnecessarily."

Scott report put back to next year

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

THE Scott inquiry report into the arms-for-Iraq affair, now believed to number more than 2,000 pages, will not be published until next year.

Sir Richard Scott's target for publication had been next month. But a source close to the inquiry admitted yesterday that some sections dealing with "gagging orders", which were signed by ministers to prevent evidence being disclosed in the Matrix Churchill trial, had still not been sent to the parties concerned.

The delay represents another victory for those in Whitehall whom Sir Richard has privately accused of "prevarication". The report was originally expected in spring 1994.

But the further delay will produce mixed reactions among ministers gathering in Blackpool for the Tory conference. Some party strategists believe it would be better for the controversy provoked by the report to be dealt with soon, to distance the affair from the general election.

A source close to Sir Richard said: "He has written most of the report apart from the recommendations. But there are still a few sections covering the public interest immunity certificates to be sent out."

Those criticised in the report are sent a preview and invited to comment in writing. Ministers who signed the certificates included Kenneth Clarke, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Malcolm Rifkind and Peter Lilley.

Sixty-nine witnesses, including ministers and officials of government departments, have submitted more than 1,500 pages of fresh documentary evidence attempting to justify their actions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bishops to be briefed on abuse claims

Roman Catholic bishops in Ireland are meeting this week to discuss guidelines to help them to deal with the growing allegations of sexual abuse by clergy.

A draft report on how claims of sexual abuse should be dealt with will be placed before the bishops meeting in Maynooth, Co Kildare by a committee working on the guidelines. On Sunday the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev Desmond Connell, apologised for the Catholic Church's "inadequate response" to recent cases.

Hang glider dies

A hang glider pilot drowned when he fell into the sea after jumping from a cliff at Sandy Bay near Exmouth, Devon. Paul Gildon, 54, of Bradninch, Devon, failed to release his harness and died despite the efforts of five walkers who swam to his aid.

Thames attack

A pensioner with angina and his son, a senior registrar with Oxfordshire Health Authority, were thrown into the Thames by two young men outside the Anchor Inn, Abingdon. John Roberts, 72, and Matthew Roberts, 34, were treated in hospital.

Bill for victim

A man killed in a gas explosion has been sent a £230 gas bill addressed to Mr J Clark — Deceased. John Clark, 36, died in July when a blast caused by a leaking main demolished flats in Ilkeston, Derbyshire. British Gas has apologised.

Busy line

Stuart Thorp, 24, ran up a £1,400 telephone bill calling sex lines in Africa, the United States and South America while looking after his mother's cats for two weeks at the house she shares in Walkley, Sheffield, with her boyfriend. He has agreed to pay the bill.

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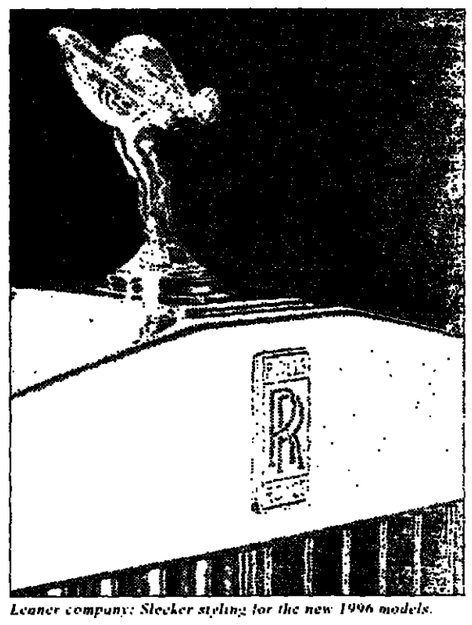
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French act to defend franc from speculators

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Bank of France acted for a second time to defend the franc against a fresh assault by currency speculators yesterday amid a climate of deepening economic uncertainty as the country prepared for its largest one-day strike in a decade.

The franc again came under attack from speculators when trading opened on foreign exchange markets. It lost two centimes against the German mark before the central bank acted to warn off speculators, allowing it to recoup its losses and close at 3.51 marks.

Today's 24-hour strike by five million French public-sector workers in protest at a planned wage freeze next year, is the most serious test so far for the embattled five-month-old government of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister. He is under threat from an official corruption inquiry into his lease of a city-owned flat in Paris.

Doubts over the Prime Minister's political future increased sharply yesterday with the emergence of new documentary evidence suggesting M Juppé had direct authority over city housing when, as deputy mayor, he signed a lease on a large flat in the Saint Germain des Prés district at a substantially reduced rent.

The speculative run on the franc reflects growing concern over the French Government's ability to cut its budget deficit, fears compounded by negative opinion polls, the impending strike and M Juppé's legal problems.

Reacting to the political and financial turmoil, the Bank of France last Friday closed a five-to-ten day borrowing facility and opened a 24-hour one at an unchanged interest rate of 6.15 per cent.

Yesterday, it initiated a second stage, raising the rate on its overnight lending window to 7.25 per cent, in an attempt to prevent a repetition of the speculation that caused the currency to plummet five centimes against the German mark on Friday.

The move, which could affect economic growth and caused French share prices to drop, was intended to make it harder for speculators to borrow francs, sell them, and then buy them back more cheaply at a profit.

The bank said it had moved to ensure the franc remained "at the core of the group of most credible currencies in the exchange rate mechanism," adding that the currency had "significant potential to appreciate".

Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president who is currently in Washington, issued a statement saying that the rate rise should help the franc to "overcome recent foreign exchange market uncertainties. "The French franc, as based on economic fundamentals, is still one of Europe's strong currencies," he said.

Analysts, however, predicted that the currency would remain highly volatile as currency traders scrutinise reactions to today's strike and await the outcome of the inquiry into the allegations that M Juppé abused his position as deputy mayor.

On Saturday, M Juppé attacked currency speculators who sent the franc plummeting, and appeared to single out the "gnomes of London" for special condemnation. But yesterday his supporters were insisting the Prime Minister had been misheard.

He was referring to "ces gnomes de l'ombre" (these shadowy gnomes) rather than "ces gnomes de Londres" (London), they maintained — somewhat unconvincingly, since international currency speculators such as the billionaire George Soros could hardly be said to lurk in the shadows.

Bruno Cotte, the Paris prosecutor, received fresh evidence yesterday suggesting that M Juppé may have broken the law as the city's deputy mayor, when he was in charge of finances and economics.

A lawyer for a Paris taxpayer's association presented M Cotte with an "official municipal bulletin", dated August 29, 1989, and signed by Jacques Chirac, the then Mayor, nominating a municipal councillor to oversee housing affairs "under the authority" of M Juppé. The Prime Minister began renting his elegant flat on Rue Jacob in 1990. Jean Tiberi, the present Mayor of Paris, had previously insisted that M Juppé had no decision-making authority in the management of city housing.

Much of France will grind to a halt today when public-sector unions, after agreeing on joint action for the first time in almost ten years, go on strike in protest at the Prime Minister's deficit-cutting austerity drive.

Post offices will close, along with schools, courts and social security offices. Hospitals and prisons will work to rule, while one in four trains will operate on the high-speed regional lines. Three out of every ten Eurostar trains running between London and Paris are expected to be cancelled. Union organisers have also planned nationwide demonstrations.

France's five million civil servants and workers from key state industries make up almost a quarter of the entire French workforce, and today's strike is being seen as an opportunity for them to voice their mounting anger not only over M Juppé's austerity measures, but also at President Chirac's unfulfilled election promises to raise pay rates and reduce taxes.

Union officials have warned that the stoppage may be the precursor of many more. Jean Puech, the Civil Service Minister, condemned the action, which he said would "disturb the lives of our citizens".

But Louis Viannet, the secretary-general of the communist-led CGT trade union, said the Government had opted for a fight and would get one. Nicole Notat, leader of the pro-socialist CFDT union, said the action was a "shot across the bows" of the Government, and called for further negotiations.

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French newspapers yesterday reflected the mood of deepening national crisis over the collape of the franc

The franc tumbles, Juppé moves house.
Libération headline

For the French economy to be safe from the turbulence of the dollar, the franc must be as strong as the deutschmark ... To achieve that, France must put its affairs in order. We have eliminated inflation; external trade is in surplus. All we require is to reduce the debt and deficit. The Government of Alain Juppé has done what should be done for that. Taking account of social needs, he could not have done more.
Le Figaro

Is the strong-franc policy the highest priority in economic politics, relegating to second place — and potentially impeding — the battle against unemployment?
Le Monde editorial

It seems more and more as if the Maastricht treaty, in giving priority to the single European currency, has put the cart in front of the horse. It would be better to get out of this impasse rather than get in deeper still.
Les Echos

Perfidious Albion hides multitude of woes for Paris

BY GEORGE BROCK, EUROPEAN EDITOR, AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

IN 1965, George Brown christened the bankers threatening the pound sterling as "the gnomes of Zurich": 30 years later, France's Prime Minister thinks his currency is under attack by the "gnomes of London".

The late British Minister for Economic Affairs did himself no good by accusing such shadowy scapegoats, and Alain Juppé looks as if he will fare little better by shifting the blame from Switzerland to London. M Juppé's problem lies in the gap between France's declared policy and economic reality rather than with conspiracies dreamt up by currency traders in Britain.

But in pointing the finger outside France, the beleaguered Prime Minister was following a long French tradition of suspecting Britain and America — *les Anglo-Saxes* — of plotting to sabotage a European single currency.

Jacques Delors, the former President of the European Commission, railed against this transatlantic alliance when money dealers began to reflect doubts about the Maastricht treaty three years ago. Senior French officials would tell anyone who would listen that American and British banks were secretly co-operating to derail Maastricht and monetary union.

The search for mysterious external forces to blame is always urgent in moments of currency crisis since the French public seldom gets much warning that trouble is on the way. For several weeks,



Brown: put blame on "gnomes of Zurich"

bankers, diplomats and analysts in Paris, London and Frankfurt have been debating whether France's drastic deficit-reduction plan will be carried out in time to qualify it for a single currency scheduled to be launched in 1999. Barely a word of doubt has seeped into the French media: plenty appeared in London.

French Euro-sceptics and dissident economists call this refusal to question France's drive towards a single currency *la pensée unique* — the single thought. But it acts as a powerful taboo and an incentive to believe that the franc's current troubles can once again be traced to the problems of the American dollar. *Le Monde's* main article on the franc's fate yesterday paid lengthy attention to global currency relations and relatively little to the domestic causes of its weakness.

The European Commission, responsible for planning the introducion of the single currency, depicted yesterday the tempest over the franc as a product of "political froth". Since the "fundamentals" of the French economy are sound, pressure on the currency is unjustified, says Yves-Thibault de Silguy, French Commissioner for Monetary Affairs. "We are always lurching from 'upheaval' to 'upheaval', but we always get through," said another official. Comparisons with Britain's predicament in 1992, when the pound was ejected from the exchange-rate mechanism, were unfounded and based on wishful British thinking, he added.

But the lack of curiosity in France about the roots of the crisis and the whistling in the corridors of Brussels mask deep fears. The EMU's fate lies mainly in French hands, yet there is worry that, faced with strikes and prolonged unrest, President Chirac will not bear the cost of administering the harsh medicine required for the birth of the single currency.

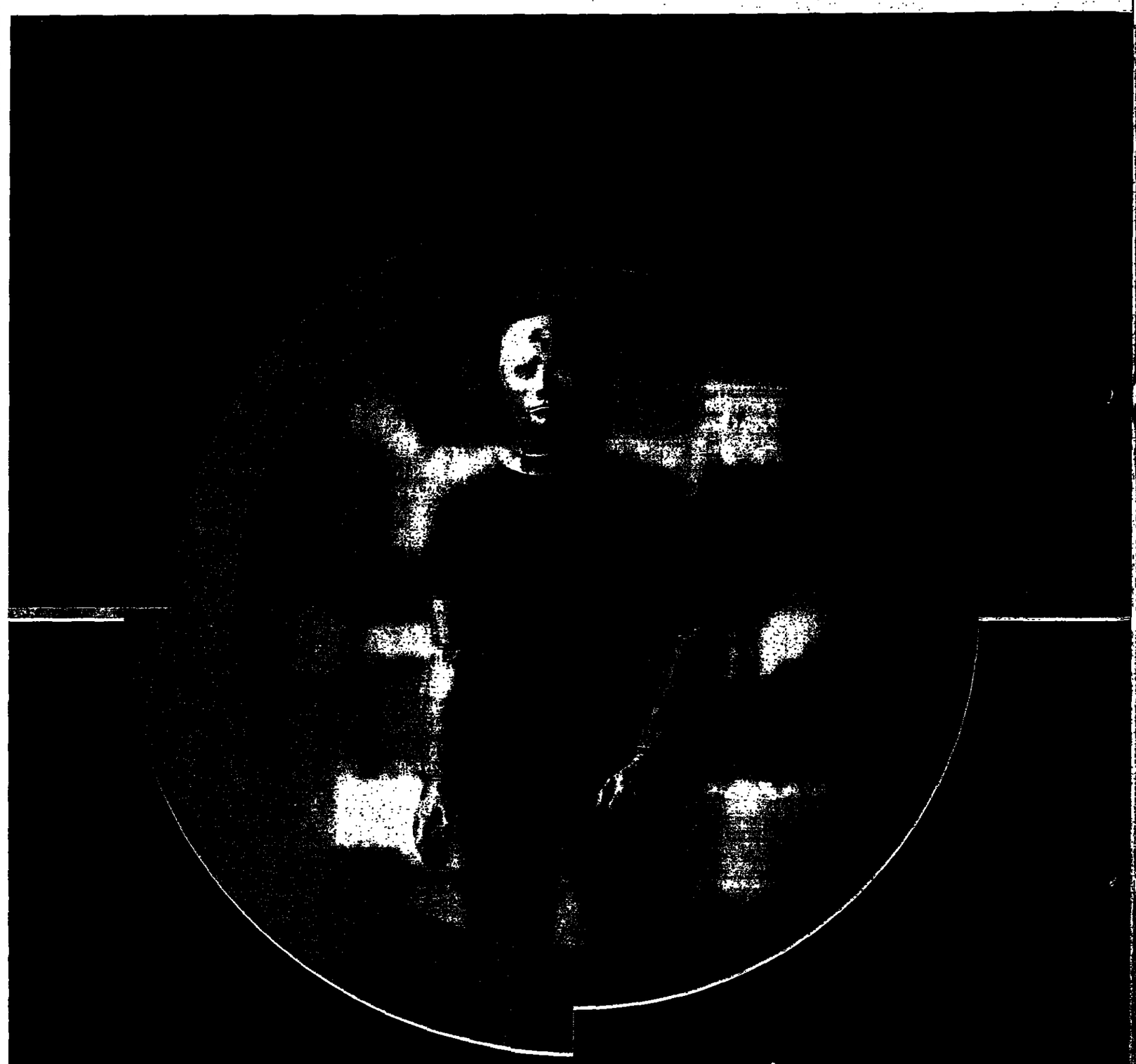
The anxiety is compounded by suspicions that, afflicted by its own doubts and stung by disruptive French behaviour in the European Union, Germany may not be so ready as before to extend a helping hand. "There is a drift towards a downward spiral," a senior French official in Brussels said of the disaffection between Bonn and Paris. Speaking of EMU before the franc upset, he added: "The Germans are wondering it it is really worth the sacrifice."

But the debate over what a single currency might mean can hardly be heard loud and clear in Germany. The reservations of the Bundesbank and Finance Ministry can be expressed only in code. "By his very stature after 13 years in power, Chancellor [Helmut] Kohl can make and break careers in German politics and, therefore, he can cause or silence poltical debate," Thomas Kielinger, former editor of a Bonn weekly newspaper said yesterday. "Since 1991, Kohl has suppressed debate and dissent about monetary union wherever he could."

Behind a confident public façade, German doubts about France's economic performance are growing. A weekend report from the influential Deutsche Bank said: "Monetary union without the simultaneous participation of Germany and France is unimaginable." France could meet the Maastricht targets for EMU, reaffirmed this month — if its Government kept down wage rises and reformed the debt-laden social security system, it said.

While many argue that France remains deeply committed to EMU, in the back of many a Euro-mind is the possibility of M Chirac performing a U-turn as dramatic as President Mitterrand's 1983 switch to monetary orthodoxy, but in reverse.

This could mean espousing the "autre politique" promoted by Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist anti-Maastricht champion who is waiting in the wings as a possible replacement for M Juppé.





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Government 'out of touch' with needs of business

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government's close ties with business are "coming apart at the seams", the Institute of Management says today as it publishes poll evidence showing more than half of Britain's managers think the Government is out of touch with business.

The latest findings on falling business support for the Government, published as the Conservative Party opens its annual conference in Blackpool today, follows poll findings among business leaders last week showing a swing of as much as 18 per cent in UK managers' political support from Conservative to Labour.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will emphasise tomorrow at the Conservative conference the importance of Britain's competitiveness and will reaffirm the party's traditional closeness to business in the face of a strong drive by Labour to forge closer links with business — including the deal with BT on the information superhighway announced last week by Tony Blair. But, in advance of that, the Institute of Management, which claims to be Britain's leading management organisation, says today that "the Government's traditional close ties with business are coming apart at the seams".

A survey of a sample of the IoM's members at all management levels shows that 54 per cent of those surveyed think the Government is out of touch with the real needs of UK business.

The findings show strong support for a closer partnership between the Government and business — a key element of Labour's pitch for greater business support.

Roger Young, Director-General of the IoM, says that the Labour Party has "exposed a chink" in the Government's armour over business: "The Conservatives' traditionally strong links with business are showing signs of fatigue," he says.

Views on individual political issues show considerable disagreement among British managers with Government policy.

UK managers are predominantly pro-Europe, the IoM survey shows, with two-thirds supporting closer economic union with the European Union, including 61 per cent of those managers intending to vote Conservative at the next general election.

A total of 53 per cent of managers do not think there should be a referendum over Britain's relationship with the rest of Europe. However, 51 per cent are against closer political union with the European Union. And 46 per cent are against the introduction of a single European currency, compared with 38 per cent in favour.

Among Conservative-voting managers, almost two-thirds are against a single currency. But managers are opposed to the Government's remaining privatisations, the survey shows.

Three-fifths are against the privatisation of British Rail and the Post Office, though, of those managers intending to vote Conservative at the next election, those for and against the privatisation of both are roughly equally divided at about 40 per cent.

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Federal Funds	unq	(5¾%)
Long Bond	—	(106$^{1}/_{32}$)
Yield	—	(6.42%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¼%	(6$^{25}/_{32}$%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	105$^{9}/_{16}$	(105$^{17}/_{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5855*	(1.5830)
London:	1.5853	(1.5831)
$	2.2390	(2.2519)
DM	7.8685	(7.9090)
FFr	1.8098	(1.8149)
SFr	159.22	(159.26)
Yen	84.6	(85.1)
£ Index		

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4135*	(1.4218)
FFr	4.9625*	(4.9955)
SFr	1.1425*	(1.1450)
Yen	100.45*	(100.55)
$ Index	92.5	(92.8)

Tokyo close Yen 100.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec) $15.80 ($15.60)

GOLD

London close $384.85 ($382.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Lloyds and TSB in £15bn merger

By Patricia Tehan

LLOYDS BANK will tomorrow unveil details of a £5 billion takeover of TSB, in a move that will create a £15 billion financial services giant.

Under the terms of the deal still being negotiated today, TSB's founder shareholders, the four charitable foundations created at the time of its flotation in 1986, will be entitled to a share of the pre-tax profits of the combined Lloyds-TSB group. TSB established it set up the four foundations to cover its four banking areas of England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands to support charitable objectives within each territory.

Under the flotation terms, TSB entered into covenants to make annual payments to the TSB Foundations of an average of 1 per cent of its pre-tax profits each year. This year they received almost £3 million.

The two sides have not yet finalised the terms of the new covenants with the TSB Foundations, but they have decided against converting the covenants into ordinary shares and will pay a percentage of the pre-tax profits of the enlarged group to them.

The foundations maintained TSB's links with the origins of the group when local savings banks were established in the early nineteenth century to encourage thrift among wage-earners.

Lloyds and TSB have been in serious merger talks for several weeks. The initial approach came from Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, to Peter Ellwood, his opposite number at TSB, several months ago. Advisers said the two sides had been "flirting with the idea of a merger" for the past five years.

Sir Brian would be chief executive of Lloyds TSB, with Mr Ellwood as one of two deputies. Mr Ellwood would be in charge of integrating the retail banking operations. At 52 he is seen as the most likely successor as chief executive when Sir Brian retires in about 18 months. Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB, and John Davies, deputy chairman of Lloyds, would be the two deputy chairmen.

Lloyds is advised by ING Barings, with ABN Amro Hoare Govett as its broker. TSB is advised by JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley, with SBC Warburg as its broker.

The two had planned to announce the deal at the end of this month, but were obliged to make a statement because of weekend speculation.

Lloyds directors were summoned at short notice to a board meeting last night to approve the deal, while TSB's board is to meet today.

Lloyds said that if a successful agreement was reached the merger was expected to value each TSB share at 329p, including a special dividend of 68p net per share. This would mean Lloyds shareholders would own about 70 per cent of the new group, to be called Lloyds TSB.

The combine would create a banking and insurance giant with assets of £140 billion, 90,000 staff, pre-tax profits of £2 billion, 3,000 branches, 15 million customers and coverage across Britain. According to Datamonitor, it would be the UK's largest high street bank by customer, branch and cashpoint numbers, the second largest credit card issuer, the third largest mortgage lender and a top ten life insurance office.

City analysts said the two would fit well together geographically as TSB was strongest north of the Midlands while Lloyds was strongest in the South.

The takeover is likely to involve widespread job losses and branch closures. Datamonitor estimated that up to 600 branches could close over the next two years.

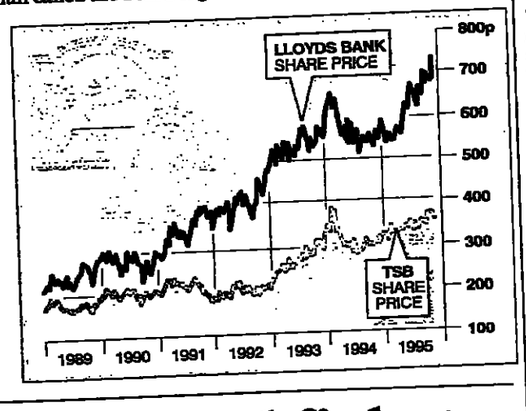
☐ Linklaters & Paines, the law firm, is thought to have completed its independent investigation into alleged irregularities at Hill Samuel, TSB's merchant banking arm. Linklaters is expected to present its report to the TSB board at a meeting on October 26. The Serious Fraud Office is considering whether to launch a full investigation into alleged irregularities involving a former Hill Samuel director.

Bank	Assets (£bn)	Branches	Staff	Customers	Market Cap (£bn)
Lloyds TSB	127.83	2,983	64,075	15.5m	14.9
NatWest	173.70	2,333	50,500	7.5m	10.89
Barclays	166.00	2,060	68,100	15m	11.08
Midland	80.00	1,736	45,000	4.5m	Not quoted
Halifax-Leeds	93.5	1,083	27,000	10m	8-10*
Abbey National	94.3	675	19,000	11.3m	7.3

*estimate



Sir Robin Ibbs, chairman of Lloyds, and Sir Brian Pitman called the board together last night at short notice



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French rate rise bolsters franc

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

THE Bank of France's move to raise a key interest rate to deter speculators yesterday, coupled with some welcome verbal support from top German officials, helped the franc to stabilise after Friday's losses.

The French central bank on Friday suspended its five to 10-day lending window and replaced it with an overnight facility at the same interest rate. Yesterday, it raised the rate on its 24-hour facility from 6.15 to 7.25 per cent, a classic tactic for making it more expensive for speculators to sell the franc.

What impressed the market was that the Bank of France did not impose a penal (much higher) interest rate, which would have smacked of panic. Yesterday's move was regarded as a measured response.

By late European trading, the franc was quoted at 3.51 to the mark, up from yesterday's five-month low of 3.53. It perked up after Hans Tietmeyer, Bundesbank President, said in Washington the franc remained one of Europe's strong currencies and the Bank of France's move on rates would soon overcome uncertainties in the currency markets. Theo Waigel, German Finance Minister, and even Lamberto Dini, Italy's Prime Minister, also weighed in to support the franc.

The markets, however, do not believe pressure on the franc is over because of France's problem of reconciling cuts in its budget deficit with political pledges to bring down unemployment.

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Mixed reception for deal to link mining interests

RTZ plans Australian merger

By Colin Campbell and Rachel Bridge

RTZ, the mining group, is to merge its businesses with its 49 per cent owned Australian partner, CRA, in a union described as "vision" in London but which has been criticised in Australia.

The combination of RTZ and CRA's worldwide mining interests will be by way of a dual listed-companies merger, under which each group retains its identity and remains separately quoted. The merged group, yet to be named, will have a common board, initially of 20, of whom nine will be executive.

Even more areas will open up, RTZ said, hinting that new horizons, including Latin America, India and China, beckon to groups that are financially strong. The union with CRA will lift RTZ's net assets from £3.4 billion at the end of December 1994 to £4.5 billion.

After the retirement of Sir Derek Birkin in December, 1996, Robert Wilson, RTZ's chief executive, will become full-time chairman of the merged entity. Leon Davies, CRA's chief executive, will be the merged group's chief executive. The head office will be in London, and both RTZ and CRA will continue to hold their own annual meetings.

In London, Sir Derek and Mr Wilson said the idea of a merged group came from CRA. However, in Australia the concept was greeted with scepticism and analysts were cynical. "It is a takeover by any other name. Here we have yet another instance of an Australian company being swallowed up by an overseas player. It's the same old story".

However, Mr Wilson told London's investment community the merger was not a takeover. He outlined various substantial advantages that could be expected to flow from the combination of businesses, though he admitted in the short term RTZ could suffer earnings dilution.

On the stock market, RTZ shares closed down 15p at 909p. In Australian markets, CRA shares eased 2 cents to A$20.10.

CRA's chairman, John Uhrig, said the dual listed-companies structure "is all about delivering long-term growth to shareholders. It allows us to remain an Australian company but fast-tracks us into growth in the world mining businesses".

Australian nationals suggested that the deal would spark off renewed concern about the growing number of Australian assets being controlled offshore.

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Clowes wins legal fight to challenge parole refusal

By Robert Miller

PETER CLOWES, who is serving a ten-year prison sentence after his Barlow Clowes empire collapsed owing investors £190 million, has won the first round in a fight to be granted parole.

The Court of Appeal yesterday overturned a ruling by a High Court judge who this summer refused to allow Clowes to challenge a Parole Board decision not to recommend him for parole when it became due next year. Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Lord Justice Gibson and Lord Justice Parker, said Clowes had an arguable point on which to seek a judicial review. The hearing is expected to take place next spring.

Clowes applied to the Parole Board in July for an early release from Sudbury Open Prison in Derbyshire. This was rejected. Milton Firman, of Latimer Lee, the solicitors, said he had secured legal aid for Clowes to appeal against the decision. The defence costs at the 1992 trial of Clowes cost the taxpayer £1 million, while the Government agreed to pay £150 million in compensation costs to Barlow Clowes victims.

Graeme Williams, QC, counsel for Clowes, yesterday challenged the Parole Board's view that Clowes needed more time in prison to come to terms with the magnitude of his crime and its effect upon others. He said Clowes was a man for whom prison could do no more and that he had a job, home and young family to return to.

After Clowes's application for early parole was rejected, Mr Firman said: "I am absolutely convinced my client has been discriminated against because he is so disliked by the public. The same thing has happened to my client Darius Guppy, who is also in prison at Sudbury. He had to appeal to the Prison Ombudsman to get a ruling that so-called 'notorious' prisoners were entitled to the same treatment as anyone else."

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Kevin 'did not order wiping' of Maxwell records

BY JON ASHWORTH

BARRISTERS for the prosecution, led by Alan Suckling QC, formally rest their case today in the trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell.

Kevin, 36, denies conspiring with his father Robert to defraud pensioners of shares worth £100 million in Scitex Corporation, an Israeli computer-imaging firm. With his brother, Ian, 39, and Larry Trachtenberg, 42, a former Maxwell executive, he also denies conspiring to defraud pensioners of a further £22 million of shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.

In the 78 days since the trial opened at the Old Bailey, the jury has heard from 69 witnesses in the high-tech Chichester Rents courtroom on Chancery Lane. The defence case is due to open on Monday, with Kevin Maxwell in the witness box. His wife, Pandora, is also expected to give evidence.

Liza Payne, a former systems co-ordinator at Maxwell Communication Corporation, yesterday told the court she had deleted notes, memos and letters from Robert Maxwell's computer system. Miss Payne said although Kevin Maxwell agreed with her request to delete the items, he did not instigate it.

Miss Payne said she had asked Kevin if she could remove the items, three weeks after his father's death, because they were taking up space in the system. The court heard that she was "ruthless" about getting people to clear unwanted material from the computer system, and wanted to clear the chairman's system because there were no longer secretaries in his office using it.

She agreed with Alun Jones QC, Kevin Maxwell's counsel, that there was no question of destroying the records, as they were kept on back-up tapes and disks. When investigators from the Serious Fraud Office asked her for all the documents from the chairman's system, she gave them what was held on the back-up tapes. She agreed there was no question of Kevin Maxwell having said "destroy the back-up tapes".

A fourth defendant, Robert Bunn, former finance director of the private Maxwell companies, suffered a heart attack in July, and was discharged.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Comfortable ride: Jamie Borwick, chief executive of Manganese Bronze, says wheelchair rules will boost demand

Black cab builder hails £4m

INCREASING demand for taxis outside London helped Manganese Bronze Holdings, the black-cab builder, double pre-tax profit to £4.2 million in the year to July 31, against a previous £2 million (*Marianne Curphey writes*).

The shares rose 5p, to 192p, yesterday. Sales in the taxi division were up almost 23 per cent, Jamie Borwick, chief executive, said. The company is now making 52 cabs a week, 50 per cent more than at the bottom of the recession.

Mr Borwick said new rules requiring all taxis to provide wheelchair access within five years meant that many old taxis would have to be removed from service, and demand would increase in provincial cities.

Group turnover rose from £74.6 million, to £86.3 million. Earnings per share rose from 7.6p, to 15.5p, and a final dividend of 3p (2.5p) will make a total for the year of 5p (4p).

Industrial inflation reaches highest level in four years

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of a near-term cut in base rates receded yesterday with figures showing that industrial inflation is remaining a stubborn problem.

Factory input prices — the cost of raw materials and fuel — rose 0.9 per cent in September, pushing the annual rate up to 9.5 per cent in September from 9.2 per cent in August. The City had been expecting a much smaller monthly rise of 0.2 per cent.

Output prices rose 0.2 per cent, boosting the annual rate of factory gate inflation up to 4.5 per cent from 4.4 per cent in August. Economists had been expecting no change to the annual rate.

Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol prices, the underlying rate of output price inflation rose 0.3 per cent. This took the annual rate of increase to 5.1 per cent from 5 per cent, the highest level since May 1991.

The City was disappointed but not dismayed. Recent surveys from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and purchasing managers have suggested that inflation pressures in industry are subsiding, along with a fall in commodity prices. Most still believe that producer price inflation is heading downwards.

However, yesterday's figures were taken as a warning against cutting interest rates until a downward trend in producer prices is firmly established. Michael Saunders, UK economist with Salomon Brothers, noted that the CBI and purchasing managers' surveys act as good lead indicators of prices and they peaked several months ago and dropped sharply in the past couple of months.

He said official figures normally react with a lag of between two and five months. "If the usual lags apply, then the recent drop in the CBI price expectations survey suggests that output prices will head sharply lower around the year-end," he said.

The hefty rise in input costs largely reflected increases in oil and food prices, and oil prices have since unwound in October. However, analysts are concerned about yesterday's figures and the continuing weakness of the pound, which is now beginning to be affected by political worries, too.

David Hillier of NatWest Markets noted that the producer price data came on top of news last week that manufacturing output had bounced back in August. "With manufacturing output and input costs both rising again, a cut in base rates is unlikely, to say the least," he said.

The markets are now looking towards Thursday's publication of September retail price figures, with most economists expecting the main measures of inflation to edge higher again. The headline measure is forecast to increase to 3.7 per cent from 3.6 per cent in August, while the underlying rate, excluding mortgage interest payments, is expected to go up to 3 per cent from 2.9 per cent.

Offer places £21m tag on Fine Decor

BY SARAH BAGNALL

A CANADIAN company is offering to buy Fine Decor, the wallpaper and fabrics group, for 172p a share, markedly less than the 210p at which the company floated in June 1993.

International Wallcoverings' offer is, however, at a 36.5 per cent premium to the closing share price on September 8, when Fine Decor revealed it was in bid talks. The offer values Fine Decor at £21.5 million and is recommended by the management, which has undertaken to accept. As a result, International Wallcoverings will have 23.9 per cent of the shares. The news came as Fine Decor, which sells under the brand names Fine Art, Fine Color and Fine Decor, revealed a drop in pre-tax profits and exceptional items from £1.4 million to £804,000 in the six months to July 31. The company set aside £309,000 for restructuring, which, with earlier restructuring costs, are expected to reap annual savings of about £750,000. As a result of the offer there is no final dividend. The shares fell 7p to 168p.

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Daiwa chiefs resign

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

TOP executives of Daiwa Bank have resigned as new revelations over its $1.1 billion dealing losses suggested US and Japanese regulators knew of irregularities at least two years ago but took no action.

Akira Fujita, the bank's president, Sumio Abekawa, chairman, and at least one other senior executive have stepped down in the first act of atonement by the top management since the losses came to light more than a week ago.



Fujita: stepped down

It has also emerged that in addition to the losses at the bank's New York branch office, there were further losses at its US trust operation. This has been ordered by US regulators to stop further trading and the revelations have broadened the inquiry to include more Daiwa employees.

The role of US and Japanese banking regulators was called into question when the bank said it had revealed some of its problems to the New York authorities in 1993. A Daiwa official in Tokyo said the bank told the Federal Reserve two years ago it had hidden some records and had temporarily moved Toshihide Iguchi, the dealer responsible for most of the losses, to pass a banking inspection the previous year.

The Fed then passed the matter to the Japanese authorities which, under international rules, are lead regulators for all Japanese banks. But the Japanese Ministry of Finance took no action against Daiwa.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SFO seeks to drop Leeson prosecution

THE Serious Fraud Office will today appear before the City of London Magistrates' Court to formally apply to drop a private prosecution bought by bondholders who lost more than £50 million when Barings collapsed.

Jonathan Caplan QC, counsel for the SFO, will argue that the fraud office has the power to make such a decision. The SFO maintains Singapore is the most suitable jurisdiction for Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for the £860 million Barings collapse, to stand trial. Michael Hall, QC, counsel for the bondholders, will challenge the SFO's right to drop the eight summonses issued by the court last month.

Boardroom split denied

JEAN-MARC BRUEL, the vice-chairman of Rhône-Poulenc, has denied rumours of a boardroom split over the revised £1.83 billion bid for Fisons by its pharmaceuticals subsidiary Rhône-Poulenc Rorer. Both the board of Rhône-Poulenc, which owns 68 per cent of RPR, and the RPR board approved the decision by Michel de Rosen, the RPR chief executive, and his chairman, Robert Cawthorn, to list the offer, said M Bruel yesterday. "Both 240p and 265p are within the price range that we set down at the outset," he said. Pennington, page 27

Wetherspoon expands

J D WETHERSPOON, the fast growing pub operator, is stepping up its expansion plans with the opening of a further 30 pubs in the current year compared with the 23 that joined its ranks in the 12 months to July 31. The news came as Wetherspoon reported a 50 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £9.7 million on the back of a 47 per cent rise in sales to £68.5 million. The final dividend rises from 4.4p to 5.25p, making a total of 8p (6.6p). There is a scrip dividend alternative. The dividend is due on December 15. Tempus, page 28

Lihir share price set

THE final share price for the float of Papua New Guinea's giant Lihir gold project was set at the top of the indicative range and the US$450 million public offering closed four times oversubscribed, the company said. Lihir Gold said the final price for the global offering was set at A$1.57 (US$1.19) a share after Friday's close of institutional bidding which was set in a range between A$1.32 and A$1.57. The retail price was established in the prospectus at A$1.50 in Australia and 1.50 kina in Papua New Guinea.

Second Maiden MBO

EXECUTIVES of Maiden Outdoor, the outdoor advertising contractor, have launched a second management buyout of the business, providing an exit for institutional investors who backed the original buyout in 1993. Maiden has raised new capital of £60 million through Morgan Grenfell to finance the buyout, fund the acquisition of British Transport Advertising and provide working capital. This compares with the original capital raised of £21 million for the first buyout, when the business was acquired from the Maiden family.

Oppenheimer dies at 83

SIR PHILIP OPPENHEIMER, chairman of the Diamond Trading Company and a director of De Beers Consolidated and of De Beers Centenary, died on Sunday after a short illness. Sir Philip, who would have turned 84 on October 29, joined the embryo Central Selling Organisation in 1934, starting at the sorting bench where he learnt the intricacies of sorting and valuing rough diamonds, first in London and later in Antwerp. Sir Philip was knighted in 1970 in recognition of his services to UK exports.

Coal houses for sale

MORE than 160 properties in the East Midlands are being offered for purchase by British Coal in the latest package to become available since the sale of the corporation's non-operational land got under way three months ago. Divided into four separate lots, for which tenders are being invited by December 15, the package includes properties in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and south Leicestershire comprising modern and older family houses in urban and rural areas. Further packages are expected to be announced by British Coal.

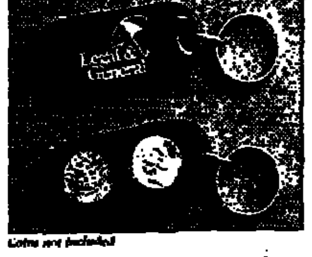
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IMF agrees $26bn war chest for financial crises

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN WASHINGTON

THE International Monetary Fund will be able to raise up to $26 billion in extra emergency funding to cope with future financial crises such as that which hit Mexico last year.

The plan, approved on Sunday night by the IMF's policy-making Interim Committee, would double the size of the existing General Arrangements to Borrow, under which the IMF can raise up to $26 billion from the group of ten largest industrialised countries and Saudi Arabia.

Under the deal struck over the weekend at the IMF annual meeting in Washington, the new GAB would be extended to a much wider group of about 30 countries. Although the extra countries to be approached have not been publicly named, they are understood to include fast-growing countries such as Korea, Malaysia and perhaps China.

In another response to the Mexico crisis, the IMF's interim committee has also approved work on a programme to gather and publish detailed information on the financial condition of those of its member countries that want to borrow money from international bond markets and banks. Under its new plan, the IMF will publish a list of member countries which satisfy the new more demanding standards of data collection and publication.

Audit offices searched

ITALIAN tax police continued their searches at the offices of Gemina auditors Coopers & Lybrand and Arthur Andersen after weekend raids on offices of several units of the Italian financial holding, judiciary sources said. The searches were at the request of Milan's magistrates Francesco Greco and Carlo Nocerino, part of the city's so-called Clean Hands anti-corruption team. Coopers audits Gemina; Andersens audits Rizzoli-RCS, Gemina's publishing arm. The investigations centre on charges of alleged false accounting as well as falsification of company statements after the discovery of huge unexpected losses at RCS Editori.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	16.95	15.45
Belgium Fr	49.27	44.97
Canada $	2.224	2.064
Cyprus Cyp£	0.755	0.700
Denmark Kr	9.33	8.53
Finland Mkk	7.34	6.69
France Fr	8.29	7.64
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	384.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.91	11.91
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1573	4.5073
Italy Lira	2655.00	2500.00
Japan Yen	173.50	157.50
Malta	0.601	0.546
Netherlds Gld	2.688	2.436
New Zealand $	2.54	2.32
Norway Kr	10.49	9.69
Portugal Esc	247.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.52
Spain Pta	201.50	188.50
Sweden Kr	11.69	10.88
Switzerland Fr	1.94	1.78
Turkey Lira	refer	75110.0
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Cornering the market

■ FALSE nostalgia aside, few households today regret having delegated so much of their weekly shopping list to the big supermarkets. Taking the car to Sainsbury's may be a soulless experience compared to a trip down a cobbled, Hovis advert high street of fond if mistaken memory, but there is little doubt which is more convenient.

In a decade or so, the notion of shopping around under different roofs for mortgages, insurance, pensions and somewhere to store the household cash may seem as outdated as buying one's weekly joint from a butcher does to much of the population today.

The Lloyds Bank/TSB link is the latest step towards a consolidated financial services industry that would be dominated by half a dozen conglomerates, each with dedicated business units to provide the different products their customers would need.

This, at least, is what the big players in the industry would like us to believe, and the attractions to those that would remain big players are clear. Their aim is one-stop financial shopping, and cradle-to-grave financial selling.

Investors, accountholders and mortgagors have shopped around up to now for a range of reasons, not least the worry of putting all their money and borrowings with one institution that might then collapse. They also worry about one institution knowing too much about their financial affairs.

They have shopped selectively for particular skills, choosing an insurance provider by reputation or price and a bank, perhaps, by personal and bitter experience of its rivals.

The big banks and other financial institutions have their own shopping lists. As more building societies convert into quoted companies or are snapped up by the big banks, the trend towards the financial supermarket will continue, driven by the savings from cross-selling different products out of the same site on the high street or down the telephone.

Already, banks and insurance companies are eyeing investment firms with proven records, such as Mercury Asset Management or Gartmore, with interest, although they complain that the prices are too high. The danger to customers of the emergence of a financial services market comprising a few financial giants and a sprinkling of niche players is twofold. The running row over insurance misselling shows that their interests will not always be safeguarded, while most people's utter lack of sophistication in handling their financial affairs makes them easy meat for the unscrupulous. Each financial line of business coming out of the supermarket, insurance, pensions, personal banking or whatever, will have to be overseen by the relevant regulatory body, whose varying records so far do not inspire confidence. The damage done to the customer by a missold pension is far greater than an unripe avocado or a stale packet of cornflakes.

Fortifying the franc

FOR central banks to rely on brute force rather than guile in the endless battle against currency speculators is usually counter-productive — a point proved comprehensively when Norman Lamont and the Bank of England jacked up British interest rates to 15 per cent in 1992 in their doomed attempt to



keep the pound in the European Exchange-Rate Mechanism.

The Bank of France has learned from such ill-fated brinkmanship. Its tactics to warn off would-be wreckers of French aspirations towards monetary union have been mild, even by comparison with previous times when the franc was under attack. In March, the Bank closed its five to ten-day lending facility and replaced it with an overnight one at a rate of 8 per cent. The market panicked and the franc was sold even more heavily.

This time, the Bank took a more subtle approach, only yesterday deciding to raise the rate on its 24-hour window and then to a level below the current cost of one-month money. The Bank is telling the market that it does not want the whole structure of French interest rates to move higher and that it only has a temporary problem with the franc. The markets have so far responded with some respect to that view.

There is no doubt that the markets tasted French blood in the foreign exchange waters, and that they will not abandon their campaign to destabilise the franc, making it unfit for entry into an eventual monetary union. But this particular scalp will not be won as easily as sterling's was.

For one thing, when the pound was under attack it was trading within relatively narrow and strictly adhered-to fluctuation limits in the ERM. There was a clear target to aim at. Not so now with the franc which, like other European currencies, is allowed to fluctuate 15 per cent either side of a central parity. Such a broad target is not nearly as appetising.

The other great difference is that the British economic establishment was undermined from within, riddled with Eurosceptics. The French political elite is still passionately wedded to the *franc fort*. The speculators have a real fight on their hands this time.

Bankers' dirty linen washed in public

■ OF all the lords of corporate America one would least want to poke with a pointed stick, Procter & Gamble is right at the top of the list. Just ask Unilever, which is still regretting the War of the Rotting Underwear last summer. The agonies of Bankers Trust are a long way from over.

The excesses of the bank's derivatives operations in the early 1990s had been known for some time, but last week's revelations may have provided the fatal wound. P&G has come clean about the rip-off factor at Bankers, complete with taped evidence. As damaging is the news that many more companies claim to have suffered that ROF and are demanding, or have already won, more than $500 million in compensation.

Customers on both sides of the Atlantic can be expected to abandon Bankers in droves over the next few weeks, or at the very least start asking some pertinent questions. Bankers is in disgrace and it has a succession problem. The chairman, Charles Sanford, the driving force behind the aggressive derivatives business is retiring by next summer. Eugene Shanks, the president, was once his natural successor but is now himself too closely identified with derivative to take the top job.

The only reason Bankers' shares did not go into freefall last week is that the market now believes a takeover is possible. There are US and overseas banks with sufficient resources who might take the idea seriously — assuming Procter & Gamble lays off for a while, and no more disgruntled and ripped-off clients emerge.

Bitter pills

■ The Fisons-RPR endgame is becoming increasingly bad-tempered. Fisons claims the bidder, not content with double-counting in last week's market raid, then rushed out a statement that claimed, falsely, to come from Fisons and to settle the matter. RPR says it was only following the rules, and now accuses its quarry of misleading shareholders over the chances of a higher bid. Gentlemen, please.

Lucas aims to sell aerospace division

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE aerospace division of Lucas Industries is likely to be sold as the group, which has set aside £95 million to cover a dispute with the US Government and a restructuring of its operations in America, increasingly focuses on its automotive activities.

George Simpson, chief executive, said: "In the past the management wanted Lucas to be equally balanced between automotives and aerospace. This is no longer the case." He said Lucas was highlighting aerospace for margin improvement and profitability so it would be in better shape when the industry — reeling from the decline in defence and civil aviation — picked up. Then a sale would not be ruled out as Lucas pursued "strategic options".

Mr Simpson said a viable aeospace operation would need heavy exposure to the US defence market, which, considering the high cost of settlement in the gearbox dispute, was not a happy prospect for Lucas.

Aerospace, which suffered a hit of $88 million from the dispute with the Pentagon over the supply of gearboxes to the US Army and Navy and which made further provisions to restructure its State-side operations, now accounts for just 17 per cent of the group's sales. The automotive division last year increased its share of the turnover from 70 to 75 per cent.

Yesterday the company said Frank Turner, the managing director of aerospace, would leave at the end of the month to be replaced by Ken MacIver, now head of the braking operation where he has overseen a programme of rationalisation and a reduction in overheads.

Lucas, which hoisted its capital expenditure 49 per cent to £152 million in the year to July 31, boosted operating profits 61 per cent to £135.8 million after loss-making subsidiaries were eliminated. After exceptionals, profits stood at £30.4 million, against last year's losses of £129.7 million, when the company made restructuring provisions of more than £200 million.

Lucas said there would be further growth in capital expenditure as it sought to develop its engineering through new technology and manufacturing. With gearing down to 25 per cent from 39 per cent, Lucas said it was in the market to make acquisitions.

The final dividend, which will be paid on January 18, was maintained at 4.9p making a total of 7p.

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Former chief bids for Country Casuals

BY OUR CITY STAFF

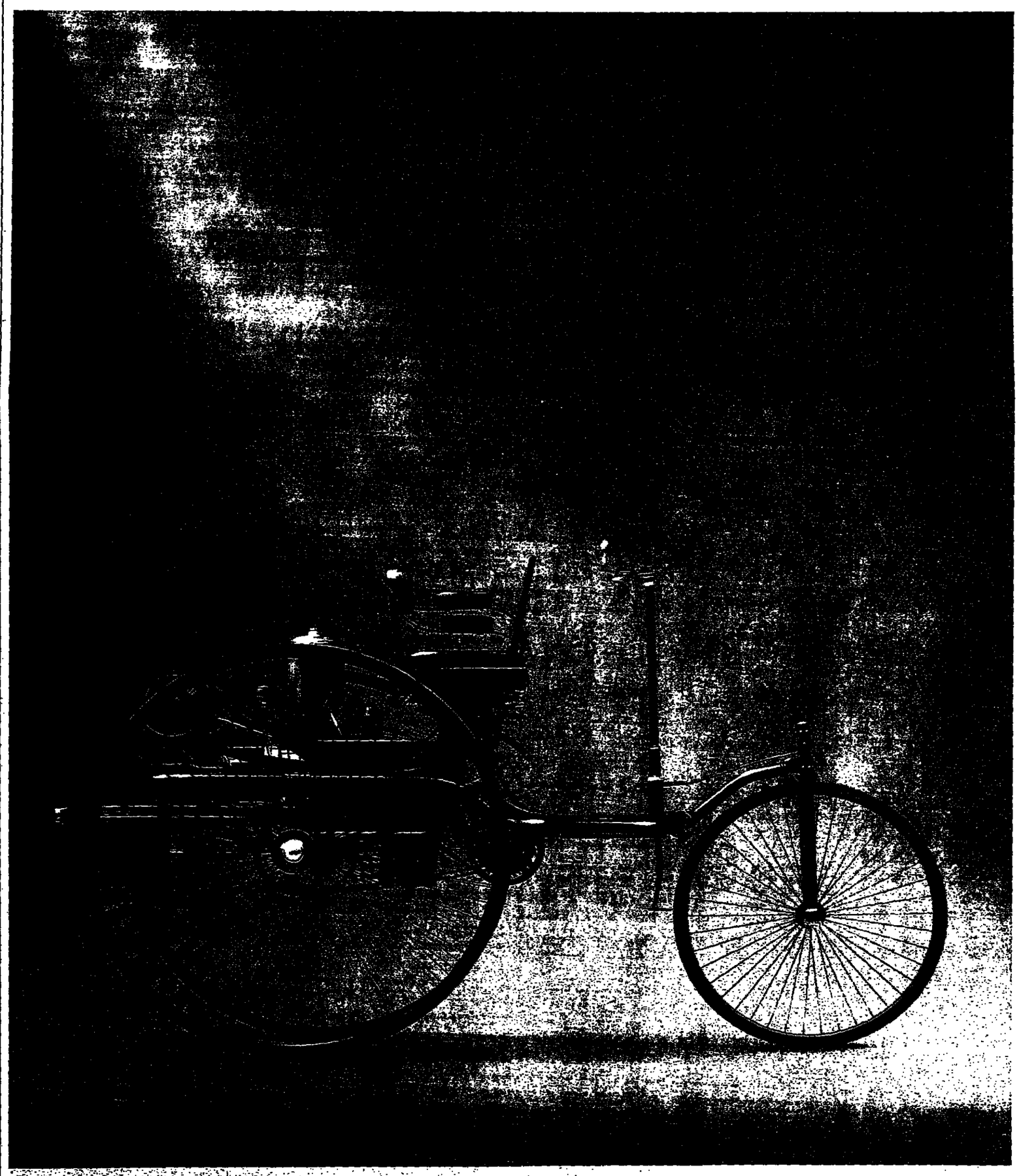
THE former chief executive of Country Casuals yesterday mounted a £27 million takeover bid for the womenswear retailer, saying that the company was in need of more aggressive management.

John Shannon, who quit the company last year after a dispute over extending his contract, seemed poised for victory with his cash offer of 140p a share after winning the backing of Philips & Drew Fund Management. PDFM owns a 13.3 per cent stake which, along with Mr Shannon's holding of 18.8 per cent, breaches the crucial 30 per cent that permits further stake-building in the market. The shares closed at 138p, up 6p on the day after the mid-afternoon bid announcement. Country Casuals repeated its snub of last week when it was revealed that Mr Shannon had made an approach, saying that the timing was opportunistic and that the sum did not reflect the potential of the group.

Last month interim losses showed a 30 per cent improvement at £1.05 million with the core brand suffering because of continued problems at Elvi, the store's outsize division.

Mr Shannon is backed with £11 million in venture capital from Gartmore and Causeway and £17 million in debt from Société Générale. He said he had made the offer because more radical management action was needed at the group. He added: "A much more aggressive approach is needed in order to turn the business around."

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Merger mania in bank sector lifts sentiment

THE London stock market is likely to open sharply lower when trading resumes this morning after news of heavy overnight losses on Wall Street.

In early trading, the Dow Jones industrial average tumbled more than 50 points, the falls exaggerated by a low attendance level among investors, many of whom took time off to celebrate Columbus Day.

By the close of business in London last night, it was clear that the market had failed to take into account events across the Atlantic. But brokers immediately began battening down the hatches fearing a shake-out when trading is resumed.

In the event, the FT-SE 100 index finished 16.2 down at 3,510.3. Weighed down by political uncertainty ahead of this week's Conservative Party conference, renewed weakness in sterling and turbulence on European currency markets generally, the index saw an early 10-point lead quickly wiped out. Sentiment was further dampened by some worse than expected factory gate prices and falls on the bond market. If it had not been for the sudden burst of merger mania in the banking sector, the market would have probably closed more than 30 points down.

News of the proposed £15 billion merger between Lloyds Bank and TSB Group certainly took investors minds off worries elsewhere. Searching for likely bid candidates, the focus of attention quickly fell on **Royal Bank of Scotland**, up 20p at 484p, and **Bank of Scotland**, 2½p firmer at 240½p. As far as the City is concerned, big is beautiful and mergers with rival companies are likely to be the way forward. The scope for cost-cutting will prove tempting for many companies.

Standard Chartered Bank is seen as another potential takeover target. Lloyds tried unsuccessfully to bid for the company back in the 1980s. The shares responded yesterday with a jump of 13½p to 466p. But it is not just the banks that are likely to be targeted. Fund managers may also find themselves on the hit-list. **Mercury Asset Management** was up 10p at 938p.

But it was Lloyds and the **TSB** which held centre-stage yesterday, with the TSB, an old takeover favourite which



Cadbury Schweppes leapt 30p to 527p yesterday

had been rumoured to be eyeing-up the Alliance and Leicester Building Society, soaring 79p to 353p, and **Lloyds Bank** adding 21p to 726p. By the close of business, a massive 43 million TSB shares had changed hands and almost 15 million Lloyds shares. Under the terms of the proposed merger, Lloyds will own 70 per cent of the expand-

600p a share. But the claim was quickly dismissed in the Square Mile.

Analysts agree that any would-be suitor would have to part with more than 600p a share. Unilever does not have a reputation as an aggressive company and might be reluctant to become embroiled in such a bid.

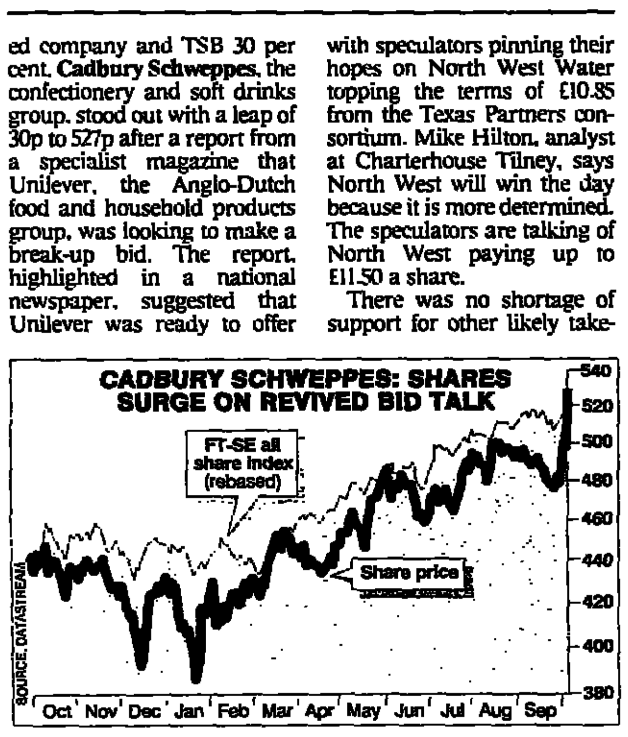
Norweb rose 10p to £10.93

Vega, the computer software systems group, rose 25p to a high of 345p reflecting a buy recommendation from Beeson Gregory, the broker. Beeson is impressed by Vega's ability to diversify away from the space programme. Vega recently took on projects for the MoD linked to the Tornado and Harrier fighters.

ed company and TSB 30 per cent. **Cadbury Schweppes**, the confectionery and soft drinks group, stood out with a leap of 30p to 527p after a report from a specialist magazine that Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, was looking to make a break-up bid. The report, highlighted in a national newspaper, suggested that Unilever was ready to offer

with speculators pinning their hopes on North West Water topping the terms of £10.85 from the Texas Partners consortium. Mike Hilton, analyst at Charterhouse Tilney, says North West will win the day because it is more determined. The speculators are talking of North West paying up to £11.50 a share.

There was no shortage of support for other likely take-



over targets among the leaders. **Zeneca** rose 14p to £11.77 and **Grand Metropolitan**, which is rapidly establishing itself as a takeover play, firmed 1p to 431p.

Aran Energy firmed ¾p to 73½p after rejecting increased terms from Atlantic Richfield, the US oil exploration group. But Aran said the terms fell woefully short of its net assets which were valued at 104p a share by an independent company. Statoil of Norway, which is currently working on a joint venture with Aran in the Irish Sea, said it was contemplating the possibility of a counter bid.

Country Casuals advanced 6p to 138p after the women's wear group revealed details of a hostile offer from John Shannon, its former chairman. He is offering 140p in cash, valuing the entire company at £27 million. Shannon already has 18.8 per cent of the shares and has the backing of Phillips & Drew Fund Management with a further 13.3 per cent of the equity.

RTZ, the mining finance group, fell 14p to 909p after announcing details of its proposed merger with CRA and the sell-off of interests in Papua New Guinea.

Fisons lost ½p to 263½p with Rhône-Poulenc Rorer now owning 18.2 per cent of the shares after raids on the marketplace by ABN Amro Hoare Govett last week. **Southern Electric** marked time at 960p with National Power now accounting for 13.44 million shares, or almost 5 per cent of the equity, after last week's agreed £2.8 billion bid.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** saw opening falls extended with the market weighed down by political worries and volatility on the foreign exchange markets.

In the futures pit, the long gilt future fell £17/32 to £105 5/16 with just 30,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 fell £13/32 to £97 3/16, while, at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¼ lower at £101 13/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares were lower at midday, dragged down by a sweeping sell-off in the high technologies based on deep fears about earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 39.74 points at 4,729.47 after earlier tumbling more than 50 points, or 1.06 per cent, to 4,719.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4729.47 (-39.74)
S&P Composite 578.54 (-3.95)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 18176.27 (-330.01)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9863.44 (-10.46)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 458.46 (-3.75)

Sydney:
AO 3090.2 (-8.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2168.69 (-2.74)

Singapore:
Straits 2138.59 (-3.41)

Brussels:
General 7829.81 (-6.82)

Paris:
CAC-40 1785.71 (-23.86)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 696.30 (+1.40)

London:
FT 30 2596.2 (-16.7)
FT 100 3510.3 (-16.2)
FT-SE Mid 250 3953.1 (-25.9)
FT-SE-A 350 1754.5 (-8.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1398.45 (-3.16)
FT A All-Share 1735.05 (-8.35)
FT Non Financials 1850.40 (-14.22)
FT Fixed Interest 92.94 (-0.17)
FT Govt Secs 111.44 (-0.11)
Bargains 33482
SEAQ Volume 744.7m
USM (Datastrm) 180.87 (-0.99)
US$ 1.5848 (+0.0035)
German Mark 2.2369 (-0.0193)
Exchange Index 84.6 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
E:ECU 1.1986
£:SDR 1.0578
RPI 149.9 Aug (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 148.6 Aug (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Consolidated C (50)	65	+ 1
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
German Slr Wrts	22	...
Hay & Robertson	38	- 1
Inner Workings	71	...
Mayflower (65)	88	...
MultiMedia (45)	61	...
Murray Vct	105	...
Omnicare	87	- 1
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	102	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
SCS Sat Sys (125)	123	- 5
Uni Salvage (149)	184	+ 1
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alumasc n/p (320)	100	...
Anglo-East n/p (105)	16	...
Baris n/p (16)	2	+ 1
Close Bros n/p (275)	36	- 1
Forth Ports n/p (490)	92	- 11
Johnsn Mat n/p (500)	81	...
RMC n/p (950)	125	- 8

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Dalepak	138p (+32p)
TSB	353p (+79p)
Azlan	465p (+45p)
Sketchley	143p (+13p)
Wembley	336p (+23p)
Cadbury Schw	527p (+30p)
Royal Bk Scot	484p (+20p)
Scoba	647p (+25p)
St Ives Gp	405p (+13p)
Lloyds	726p (+21p)

FALLS:

Airflow Stream	270p (-20p)
General Cable	194p (-13p)
Racal Elect	249p (-13p)
Chubb Sec	322p (-11p)
BAA	475p (-16p)
Trinity Hldgs	345p (-11p)
Sun Alliance	351p (-11p)
TI	421p (-13p)
Courtaulds	398p (-10p)
Regent Inns	591p (-13p)
Rank Org	411p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

World-class prospect

RTZ rarely, if ever, does things by halves. Its proposed "union" with CRA enables RTZ not only to draw directly into its portfolio of metals and minerals, which currently have only meagre representation, but also to encompass, octopus-like, the entire world in one fell hug. The logic of making East meet West is compelling. In today's world of opportunity, size — and financial muscle — count for everything.

The union is being effected through the concept of a dual-listed companies merger (à la Unilever, for example).

South America, Asia and the former Soviet Union — regions into which other mining groups are moving fast — will undoubtedly open up as new frontiers for RTZ-CRA. One day, it could even be China.

Investors in both entities are assured of a progressive dividend policy, and in particular RTZ shareholders, who in 34 years have never seen a dividend cut, are told that their group's habit of paying a significant proportion of dividends as tax-advantageous foreign-income dividends will continue.

Cyclical metal prices and exchange rates are forever potential spoilers for earnings forecasts. However, inclusion within RTZ of a greater percentage of earnings from iron and coal interests will help smooth the curves. The pro forma of 1994 RTZ earnings shows a 5 per cent dilution and an 11 per cent earnings per share dilution for first-half RTZ results, reported recently. Longer term, however, RTZ's ability to control costs and improve mine efficiencies will out. RTZ shares yesterday eased 11p to 913p on dilution concerns, but the £10 level cannot be far off.

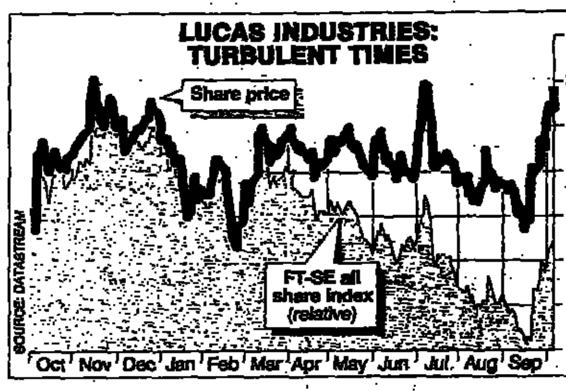
Lucas Industries

MANY hopes were pinned to George Simpson when he took the controls at Lucas Industries last year. Lucas, with its somewhat baleful management reputation and exposure to harsh-climate markets, needed radical surgery.

The man who got Rover sufficiently on its feet that it could then depart the country seemed an ideal doctor. But Simpson's method has proved less fire-fighting than judicious stubble-burning and welding, leaving many in the market a little twitchy that the value they believed to be hidden in Lucas had yet to show its face.

To be fair, Simpson has had his distractions, not least in aerospace, with the high-profile and costly dispute with the Pentagon.

Simpson has indicated that the once cherished aerospace division, which until recently was earmarked for further growth, may be spruced up only for sale. Such a move would be a realistic response to an aerospace industry that, although it will improve in the short term, will not offer a nourishing feeding ground for long-term growth. Stripping out exceptionals, Lucas shows promising margin recovery. On forecast pre-tax profits of £190 million for next year, it is on a prospective p/e of 15.9, which is expensive. But considering growth potential which could leapfrog in 1997 when large contracts come on stream it may well be worth the expense.



JD Wetherspoon

JD WETHERSPOON'S thirst for growth remains unsatisfied. The half-pint sized chain added 23 pubs to its portfolio last year, taking its total to 110. In the current year, it expects to open a further 30. Its pubs, which are often converted supermarkets or banks, were initially in London, but the company is now spreading further afield.

The problem is that the balance of power has started to shift from the pub operators back to the brewers. Chains such as Wetherspoon have had a good time in recent years. Overcapacity in the brewing industry meant Wetherspoon could negotiate favourable terms. Price discounts of up to 50 per cent were not unusual and as a result profits moved swiftly ahead. The current consolidation in the brewing industry will remove this beneficial overcapacity, threatening to erode Wetherspoon's margins. The company's dash for growth has increased its purchasing clout. But the rate of acceleration in profits is likely to ease. Yesterday's news that profits failed to hit targets and that like-for-like sales are rising 3.5 per cent knocked the shares down 7p, to 630p.

The fall hardly makes a dent in the 189p rise in the company's shares since the start of the year. This sharp rise partly reflects the recent renegotiation of five-year supply contracts with Courage and Scottish & Newcastle but the main driver of the increase is bid speculation. The consolidation among the brewers is being followed by a similar rationalisation among retailers and while the shares are expensive few want to sell when there is a chance of a bid.

Fine Decor

Fine Decor has undeniably been in need of redecorating. Its shares have hardly sparkled since the company listed in 1993 at 210p. And in recent months the cracks have become so evident that even the prospect of a bid premium failed to paper them over.

As a result, yesterday's offer of 172p a share by a Canadian company falls way short of the initial listing price, while still managing to be a 36.5 per cent premium to the share price before bid talks started. Look slightly futher back to before there was any speculation of a bid and the offer price represents a 62 per cent premium to the company's then share price.

The business has suffered because of the lacklustre housing market — wallpapering usually only takes place when the home is newly purchased — and a rising raw material prices. Margins have been hit hard and profits have shrunk. Attempts to cut costs have been and continue to be taken and savings are beginning to feed through. But the prospect of a recovery remains distant.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	893-892	Mar	1012-1011
Mar	922-921	May	1028-1025
May	939-938	Jul	unq
Jul	957-956	Sep	
Sep	975-972		
Dec	993-992		Volume: 9769

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2295-2293	Jul	2045-2040
Jan	2200-2198	Sep	2015-2010
Mar	2135-2131	Nov	2010-1980
May	2082-2080		Volume: 4635

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	315.5-14.0
Spot: 280.1		Oct	290.0-87.5
Dec	339.5-38.1	Dec	289.0-84.5
Mar	321.5-20.0	Mar	286.5-82.1
May	316.0-17.0		Volume: 565

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	96.94	101.59	126.86
(+/-)	-1.60	-0.51	-1.15
Eng/Wales	96.94	101.36	127.45
(+/-)	+1.60	-0.60	-1.10
(%)	-13.0	-17.0	-18.0
Scotland	unq	102.59	121.36
(+/-)		-0.37	-2.41
(%)		+25.0	-31.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.00	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	15.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.90	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.25	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.00	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (n/c)	O: 172 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Oct	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Nov	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (-1)	86 (n/c)
Naphtha	153 (n/c)	155 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	146.75-47.00	Jan	148.75-49.00
Nov	147.75-48.00	Feb	148.50-48.75
Dec	148.50-48.75		Vol: 13523

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	15.91-15.93	Feb	15.62 BID
Dec	15.76-15.78	Mar	15.58-15.60
Jan	15.67-15.69		Vol: 16188

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	114.95
Jan	117.70
Mar	119.60
May	121.55
Jul	123.00
	Volume: 184

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	107.45
Jan	110.45
Mar	112.60
May	114.60
Sep	103.50
	Volume: 5

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	285.0	281.5
May	unq	327.5
Jun		360.5
		Volume: 91

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 90.50-91.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1720	1700	1716
Nov 95	1695	1660	1680
Dec 95	1675	1645	1675
Jan 96	1660	1620	1645
Vol: 358 lots			Open interest: 3362

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2820.5-2821.0	2794.0-2795.0	1188725
Lead ($/tonne)	593.00-593.50	606.00-607.00	146575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	994.00-995.00	1018.5-1019.5	207950
Tin ($/tonne)	6205.0-6215.0	6245.0-6250.0	16020
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1740.5-1741.0	1775.5-1776.0	1158175
Nickel ($/tonne)	7855.0-7860.0	7975.0-7980.0	44502

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	500	17	23	35½	2½	10½	19½
(*514)	550	0½	5½	14	36	49	51
Argyll	330	11½	22½	30½	2	11	15½
(*339½)	360	1	9	16½	20½	28½	32
ASDA	100	9	10	12½	1	3½	5
(*105)	110	1	5½	8	6	9½	10
Boots	550	24½	36½	49½	1	10½	15½
(*572)	600	1	12	24	28	37½	41½
Br Airways	460	10½	24	37	4½	17	21
(*465½)	500	0	4½	19	34½	41½	44½
BP	460	11	24	30½	2½	12	17½
(*468)	500	0	7½	13	32	37	41
Br Steel	160	8	12	16½	1	5	7
(*167½)	180	0	3½	7	13	16½	18
C & W	390	24½	37	47½	0½	10	14
(*413)	420	4½	20½	31	10½	23½	27½
CU	550	27½	45½	55½	1	11	22½
(*576)	600	1	19½	29	24½	34	48
ICI	800	10	39	50½	7½	24½	38
(*802)	850	0	16½	28	48	53½	67½
Kingfishr	500	9½	29½	42	6	19	30½
(*503½)	550	0	9½	20	48½	50½	60
Land Sec	600	11	26	38	3	15	21½
(*607)	650	0	6½	16	43	44½	52
M & S	420	7	19½	29	3½	13½	17
(*423½)	460	0	4½	12	36½	40	42
Nat West	600	27½	49	56	1	14	26
(*625)	650	2	22	30	26	36	52½
Sainsbury	420	14½	25½	34	1	7½	11½
(*433)	460	0	7½	14	27	31	33
Shell	700	49½	64	74	0	2½	9½
(*748½)	750	6	28	38½	7	15½	27½
Smkl Bch	600	49½	62	72½	0	9	13½
(*648½)	650	6	29	41	9½	25½	32½
Storehse	300	9½	19	25½	1½	9½	12½
(*307)	330	0	6½	11½	23	27	29
Trafalgar	25	4½	6½	8½	0	3½	4
(*29½)	30	1	4	6½	1½	6½	7
Unilever	1200	52	73	94½	0	11½	24
(*1249½)	1250	12	40	62½	10	29½	45
Zeneca	1150	29½	80	106	9½	38	60½
(*1172½)	1200	5½	53½	79½	34½	62	85

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	21	27½	34	8	19	22
(*428)	460	6½	12	16½	37	43½	45½
Ladbroke	160	10	15½	18½	2	5	7½
(*167)	180	1	5½	9	13½	15½	19
Utd Bisc	260	16	25½	31½	5	10	13½
(*273½)	280	6½	15	21	14½	20	24

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	16	29½	35	1	10	14
(*474½)	500	0	10½	19	25½	32½	35½
Thames W	550	8	26	36½	7½	23½	29
(*550)	600	0	10	20	50	60	63

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	500	35½	52½	58½	3	11½	20
(*530)	550	7	24	32	25	33½	45
BTR	300	21½	29½	32½	2½	4½	8½
(*318½)	330	3½	12	15½	15½	17½	23
Br Aero	700	56	79½	90	6	19½	27
(*744½)	750	24	50	62½	24	39	48
Br Telcm	390	12½	18	25	6	14½	16½
(*392½)	420	2½	6½	12½	27½	34½	36
Cadbury	500	36	52½	54½	6½	13½	17
(*527½)	550	13	26½	29	30½	36	40½
Guinness	500	20	35½	41½	6	13	20½
(*511)	550	1½	13½	18½	39	42½	49½
GEC	330	9	17½	25	6	13	15½
(*331)	360	0½	6½	12	29	32	34
Hanson	191	10½	14	—	2	7	—
(*199)	211	1	5½	—	13	18½	—
LASMO	140	19	23	24½	0½	2½	3½
(*157½)	160	4½	11	12½	6	9½	11½
Lucas	200	9	16½	19½	5½	10½	12½
(*207½)	220	2	8	10½	19	22	24
Pilkingtn	200	8	14½	19½	5½	11	12
(*201)	220	1½	8½	11	19½	27½	23½
Prudential	360	17	28	34	6	12½	20
(*369)	390	4	13½	19	23	28	36½
Redland	360	20	30½	38½	4	10½	19
(*370)	390	5½	16	23½	21½	26½	34½
R-Royce	160	13	19	21½	1	4½	7
(*172½)	180	2½	8½	11½	11	14	17
Tesco	300	18	27	32½	2½	7	12
(*313)	330	3½	11	16½	19½	22	27
Vodafone	240	19½	25	33	3	8	13
(*254½)	260	6½	14	22	11½	17	22½
Williams	300	30	37½	41½	0½	2½	6
(*327½)	330	7	17½	21½	7½	12½	17½

FT-SE INDEX (*3504½)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Oct	109½	64½	32	10½	3	1
Nov	136½	99½	68½	43	23½	11
Dec	162	127	96½	71	48	33
Jan	182½	—	120½	—	73	—
Jun	252½	—	192½	—	142	—
Puts						
Oct	7	14	32	64	112	162
Nov	29½	39	58½	85	119	162
Dec	42	57½	77	102	132½	170½
Jan	54½	—	93	—	148	—
Jun	107	—	147½	—	194½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	550	27½	41½	44½	14	28	33
(*555½)	600	8	19½	22½	46	58½	62½
Amstrad	260	25½	33	39½	5	10	12
(*279)	280	14	22	29	13½	19½	21
Barclays	700	60½	76½	84	6½	20	29½
(*743½)	750	28	45	54½	24½	41	47½
Blue Circ	300	16	25	28½	10½	15½	22
(*301½)	330	5	12	15½	30	33½	40
Br Gas	240	19½	20½	25	3½	6	10
(*254½)	260	5	10	13	14½	16	21
Dixons	360	28	36	44½	7½	15	17½
(*375½)	390	12	20½	29	22	30	32
Forte	220	23½	29	31½	1½	3½	7
(*238½)	240	10	16	19	7½	11	15
Tarmac	90	6½	10	11½	5½	7½	10
(*90)	100	2½	6	7½	12	13½	16
Hillsdwn	160	15½	19	20½	2	4	8
(*173½)	180	4	9½	10	11	13	19
Lonrho	160	12½	15½	19	4½	7½	9
(*165½)	180	4	7	10½	16	19	20½
Sears	100	10½	13	14½	2½	2½	4
(*109)	110	4½	7	8½	5½	6½	8½
Thrn Eml	1450	58½	90½	124½	38	52	59
(*1457½)	1500	36	66½	97½	65½	78½	82½
Tomkins	240	15	21	26½	5½	10½	12
(*246½)	260	5½	11½	16½	16½	20½	22½
TSB	330	32	39½	44	7	11½	14½
(*351½)	360	12½	20½	27½	18	24	30½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo Well	750	24½	50	62½	2½	16	29½
(*771½)	800	1½	24	37½	29½	40½	53
HSBC	900	27	64	67½	6½	30½	53½
(*919)	950	5	39	62	34	55	79½
Reuter	500	44½	62	71½	0	6	14
(*543½)	550	7	29½	41	11	23½	33½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Royal Ins	360	9½	26	34	7½	15	25
(*365½)	390	0½	13	20½	24½	32½	42½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	260	5½	6	4	1½	2½	3
(*263½)	280	0	0	0	18	18½	19½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Gp	950	25½	29	27½	0½	1	1½
(*972½)	1000	1	0½	0½	27½	31	32½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Nat Pwr	460	28½	38	48	8½	12½	21
(*478½)	500	9½	18½	27	30	33½	40
Scot Pwr	330	31½	35½	42	4½	9½	9½
(*357½)	360	12	18	24½	14½	21	22

October 9, 1995 Tot: 27944 Call: 17134 Put: 10710 FT-SE Call: 1952 Put: 1385

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3555.0	3555.0	3520.0	3523.0	10418
Previous open interest: 65171	Mar 96	3568.0	3568.0	3568.0	3556.0	10
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3930.0	0
Previous open interest: 3535	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.37	93.38	93.29	93.29	12864
Previous open interest: 350491	Mar 96	93.45	93.46	93.34	93.35	21102
	Jun 96	93.43	93.43	93.29	93.29	13791
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.23	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.38	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.06	96.10	96.06	96.09	8106
Previous open interest: 795792	Mar 96	96.16	96.22	96.16	96.20	17234
Long Gilt	Dec 95	105-22	106-23	105-06	105-10	31791
Previous open interest: 102491	Mar 96				104-25	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.10	121.17	121.01	121.05	1079
	Mar 96	120.04	120.06	120.04	120.00	20
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.54	95.71	95.36	95.60	67913
Previous open interest: 153946	Mar 96	94.99	95.04	94.80	95.01	311
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.12	94.15	94.05	94.11	1253
Previous open interest: 17647	Mar 96	94.29	94.42	94.29	94.35	353
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.66	97.72	97.67	97.68	2419
Previous open interest: 46011	Mar 96	97.80	97.82	97.75	97.78	1698
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	101.05	101.32	100.65	101.12	20591
Previous open interest: 44555	Mar 96				100.77	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible]

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾ close 6½

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.77	n/a	5.80	5.78	5.80
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.50-384.80 **Close:** $384.40-384.90 **High:** $384.65-385.15 **Low:** $383.35-383.85 **AM:** $384.05 **PM:** $384.50

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $416.25 (£262.73) **Silver:** $5.43 (£3.415) **Palladium:** $138.50 (£87.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for October 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5052-2.5123	2.5090-2.5123	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	46.06-46.25	46.08-46.19	12-9pr	30-25pr
Copenhagen	8.6950-8.7300	8.7050-8.7300	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9784-0.9839	0.9791-0.9816	9-6pr	22-17pr
Frankfurt	2.2370-2.2456	2.2374-2.2405	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	235.29-236.20	235.51-236.15	39-55ds	133-167ds
Madrid	194.44-195.07	194.55-194.84	40-55ds	135-152ds
Milan	2544.70-2555.50	2549.40-2553.50	8-9ds	24-26ds
Montreal	2.1111-2.1167	2.1134-2.1165	0.15-0.06pr	0.20-0.09pr
New York	1.5848-1.5860	1.5846-1.5855	0.14-0.12pr	0.34-0.32pr
Oslo	9.8300-9.9160	9.9010-9.9160	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.8560-7.8830	7.8620-7.8750	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.036-11.079	11.036-11.060	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	158.36-159.36	159.08-159.36	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	15.743-15.767	15.756-15.795	5-3pr	11-10pr
Zurich	1.8016-1.8113	1.8062-1.8110	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel. Premium - pr Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3097-1.3114
Austria	9.92-9.93
Belgium (Com)	29.07-29.08
Canada	1.3340-1.3345
Denmark	5.4910-5.4940
France	4.9565-4.9585
Germany	1.4120-1.4130
Hong Kong	7.7308-7.7318
Ireland	1.6151-1.6168
Italy	1605.25-1606.25
Japan	100.03-100.13
Malaysia	2.5347-2.5357
Netherlands	1.5817-1.5822
Norway	6.2375-6.2405
Portugal	148.58-148.68
Singapore	1.4250-1.4260
Spain	122.65-122.75
Sweden	6.9630-6.9705
Switzerland	1.1397-1.1407

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5854-1.5880
Australia dollar	2.0779-2.0805
Bahrain dinar	0.5905-0.6025
Brazil real*	1.5196-1.5238
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7065-0.7165
Finland markka	6.7175-6.8335
Greece drachma	366.0-373.0
Hong Kong dollar	0.4747-0.4751
India rupee	53.16-54.10
Indonesia rupiah	3555.0-3623.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4690-0.4790
Malaysia ringgit	4.0185-4.0226
New Zealand dollar	2.3884-2.3935
Pakistan rupee	49.93 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7000-5.8240
Singapore dollar	2.2592-2.2622
S Africa rand (com)	5.7250-5.8500
U A E dirham	5.7535-5.8765

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	130	Land Secs	1,100
ASDA Gp	6,300	Legal & Gn	2,500
Abbey Ntl	6,600	Lloyds Bk	14,000
Allied Dom	2,200	Marks Spr	3,900
Argyll Gp	2,600	Mid Elec	225
Arjo Wggns	803	NatWst Bk	2,900
AB Foods	108	Nat Power	4,500
BAA	2,800	NW Water	1,700
BAT Inds	3,000	P & O	1,800
BOC	1,500	Pearson	877
BP	6,700	PowerGen	2,500
BSkyB	2,400	Prudential	3,200
BTR	7,900	REXAM	1,900
BT	6,200	RMC	231
Bk of Scot	5,200	RTZ	3,300
Barclays	2,300	Rank Org	1,500
Bass	1,800	Reckitt Col	796
Blue Circle	2,300	Redland	506
Boots	2,500	Reed Intl	434
BAe	1,400	Rentokil	958
BA	2,600	Reuters	2,500
Brit Gas	8,200	Rolls Royce	3,300
Brit Steel	21,000	Royal Ins	3,900
Burmah Cstl	512	Ryl Bk Scot	5,900
Cable Wire	6,000	Sainsbury	3,700
Cadbury	8,300	Schroders	27
Carlton Cms	1,100	Scot & New	1,400
Cm Union	2,000	Scot Power	1,300
Cookson	1,300	Sears	8,800
Courtaulds	1,400	Svrn Trent	599
De La Rue	540	Shell Trans	3,100
Enterpr Oil	2,700	Siebe	2,100
Fisons	3,200	SmKl Bch	3,200
Forte	1,400	Smith Nph	968
GKN	656	Sthern Elec	338
GRE	1,900	Std Chard	4,600
GUS	1,400	Sun Allnce	3,400
Gen Acc	1,200	TI Gp	574
Gen Elec	6,100	TSB	42,000
Glaxo Well	3,900	Tate & Lyle	1,300
Granada	1,700	Tesco	6,500
Grand Met	4,600	Thames W	1,100
Guinness	2,700	Thrn EMI	973
HSBC	4,500	Tomkins	817
Hanson	13,000	Unilever	1,400
ICI	1,100	Vodafone	4,400
Inchcape	896	Whitbread	266
Kingfisher	2,300	Wllms Hld	179
LASMO	1,700	Wolseley	535
Ladbroke	1,100	Zeneca	2,500

WALL STREET

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 6 close
AMP Inc	37	37¼
AMR Corp	70½	71¼
AT & T	63½	64
Abbott Labs	44¼	44½
Advanced Micro	26¼	27¼
Aetna Life	71½	72½
Ahmanson (HF)	26	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	50¾	51½
Albertson's	33	33
Alcan Aluminum	30¾	31¼
Alco Standard	79	79¼
Allied Signal	44¼	44¾
Alum Co of Am	53	53½
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	5½
Amerada Hess	46¼	46¾
Amer Brands	42½	42½
Amer El Power	36½	36¾
Amer Express	43¾	43¾
Amer Genl Corp	37	36¾
Amer Home Pr	87¾	87¼
Amer Intl	85¾	85½
Amer Stores	29¾	29¼
Ameritech	51½	50¾
Amoco	64¾	64¼
Anheuser-Busch	63	63¾
Apple Computer	34½	35⅞
Archer Daniels	15½	15¼
Armco	6¾	6½
Armstrng Wrld	54	54¼
Asarco	31	31¼
Ashland Oil	31½	31½
Atl Richfield	106¼	105⅞
Auto Data Pro	69½	69¾
Avery Dennison	41½	41¼
Avon Products	72	72
Baker Hughes	20¾	20¼
Baltim Gas & El	26	25¾
Banc One	37	37¾
BankAmerica	62½	62¾
Bank of NY	46¾	47¼
Bankers Tr NY	68¾	70
Barnett Banks	56	56½
Bausch & Lomb	38¾	38¾
Baxter Intl	41½	41½
Becton Dicknsn	63¾	64¼
Bell Atlantic	60½	59¾
Bell Industries	20¾	20¾
BellSouth	73¾	73¾
Black & Decker	33½	33½
Block (H&R)	39¾	40¼
Boeing	64¾	65½
Boise Cascade	38¾	39¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	75	75
Browning Ferris	29¼	29¾
Brunswick	19¾	20¾
Burlington Nthn	72½	72½
CBS	80¾	80
CNA Financial	111½	110¼
CPC Intl	67½	67½
CSX	80¾	81¼
Campbell Soup	50¾	51¼
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	118¼	117½
Carolina Pwr	32½	32¾
Caterpillar	52½	54¼
Central & SW	25½	25½
Champion Intl	50¾	51½
Chase Manhat	63½	65¼
Chemical Bk	62½	63
Chevron Corp	48¾	49¾
Chrysler	51½	52¼
Chubb Corp	93¾	93½
Cigna Corp	103	105¾
Citicorp	72½	72¼
Clorox	69½	70
Coastal Corp	33½	33¼
Coca Cola	70¾	70¼
Colgate-Palmolive	67¾	67¾
Columbia Gas	38¼	38½
Compaq Comp	45¾	46¼
Comp Ass Intl	39¾	41
Conagra	39¾	39¾
Conrail	68¾	69¾
Cons Edison	30¼	30¾
Cons Nat Gas	40¾	40¼
Cooper Inds	34½	34½
Corestates	38¾	38¾
Corning Inc	26¾	27
Crown Cork	35¾	36¼
Dana Corp	27½	27¾
Dayton Hudson	72½	73¾
Deere	82¾	84¾
Delta Air Lines	69¾	70¾
Deluxe Corp	32¾	32¾
Detroit Edison	32¾	32¼
Digital Equip	43¾	44¾
Dillard Dept St	32	32¾
Disney (Walt)	56¼	57¼
Dominion Res	38¾	38½
Donnelley (RR)	39¾	39¾
Dover Corp	37¾	37¾
Dow Chemical	73½	73¼
Dow Jones	37¾	36¾
Dresser	23½	23¾
Duke Power	43¼	43¾
Dun & Bradstreet	58½	58¼
Du Pont	68¾	68¾
Eastman Kodak	57¾	57¾
Eaton Corp	51¾	52½
Emerson Elec	70	69¾

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 6 close
Engelhard Corp	24¾	25¼
Enron Corp	33½	33¾
Entergy	26¾	26¾
Ethyl Corp	11	11¼
Exxon	73	73¾
FMC Corp	72½	72¾
FPL Group	40¾	40¾
Federal Express	80¼	81¼
Fed Nat Mtge	105¾	106¾
First Chicago	69¾	68¾
First Interstate	105½	105¾
First Union Rty	7¾	7¾
Fleet Fnl Grp	38¾	38¾
Fluor Corp	56¾	57¼
Ford Motor	29¾	30¼
GTE Corp	39½	39¾
Gannett	54¼	53¾
Gap Inc Del	38	38¾
Gen Dynamics	52	52¾
Gen Electric	62½	63¾
Gen Mills	55¾	55¾
Gen Motors	45¾	45¾
Gen Reinsurance	148¾	148¾
Gen Signal	29	29¾
Genuine Parts	39¾	40¾
Georgia Pac	82¾	85
Gillette	49	49¾
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24½	24¾
Goodrich (BF)	62½	62¾
Goodyear Tire	38¾	38¾
Grace (WR)	64¾	65¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23¾	23¾
Great Wstn Fin	24	24
Halliburton	41½	40¾
Harcourt General	41½	42
Heinz (HJ)	46¾	47¼
Hercules	55	55¾
Hershey Foods	65¾	66¾
Hewlett Packard	79	80¾
Hilton Hotels	65½	65¾
Home Depot	38¾	38¾
Homestake Mng	17¾	17
Honeywell	40¾	42
Household Intl	63½	64¾
Houston Inds	45½	45¾
Humana	19¾	19¾
ITT Corp	120¾	121½
Illinois Tool	55¾	56¾
Illinova	27¾	27¾
INCO	31½	31½
Ingersoll Rand	35¾	36¾
Inland Steel	21¾	21½
Intel Corp	60½	62
IBM	93¾	94¼
Intl Flav & Fr	47	48
Intl Paper	37¾	38¾
James River Vir	31½	31½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	76¾	77¾
Kellogg	74¼	75¾
Kerr-McGee	56	55¾
Kimberly-Clark	68¼	67¾
Kmart	12¾	12¾
Knight-Ridder	57¾	57¾
Lilly (Eli)	92¾	92¾
Limited Inc	20½	20½
Lincoln Nat	46¾	46¾
Litton	41½	41½
Liz Claiborne	26¾	26
Lockheed Martin	65	66
Louisiana Pac	22¾	23
MCI Comm	25⅞	25⅞
Marriott Int	37½	38
Marsh & McLen	85¾	85¾
Masco Corp	27¾	27¾
May Dept St	43¾	43¾
Maytag Corp	17½	17¾
McDonalds	38¾	38¾
McDonnell D	78¾	79¾
McGraw Hill	80¾	80¾
Mead Corp	58	58¾
Medtronic	53¾	53¾
Mellon Bk	43¾	43¾
Melville Corp	34¾	35¾
Merck Inc	59½	59¾
Merrill Lynch	62¾	62¾
Microsoft	84¾	85¾
Minnesota Mine	56¾	57
Mobil Corp	100¾	101½
Monsanto	99¾	99¾
Morgan (JP)	77¾	78¾
Motorola Inc	68¾	68¾
Natl Semi	26¾	25¾
Natl Service Ind	29¾	29¾
Navistar Int	11½	11¾
NBD Bancorp	39¾	39¾
NY Times A	25¾	26¾
Newmont Mng	40¾	40¾
Niag Mohawk	10¾	11¼
Nike B	110¾	111
NL Industries	16¾	16¾
Noram Energy	7¾	7¾
Nordstrom	41½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	74¾	74¾
Nthn State Pwr	46	45¾
Norwest Corp	32¾	32¾
Nynex Corp	47¾	47¾
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	22¾	22¾
Oracle	37	37¾
Oryx Energy Co	12¾	12¾

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 6 close
Owens Corning	44¾	45¾
PPG Industries	44½	44¾
PNC Bank	28¾	28¾
PP&L Res	23½	23¾
Paccar Inc	46¾	46½
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elec	29¾	29¾
Pac Telesis	30¾	30¾
Pall Corp	22¾	23
Panhandle East	27¾	27¾
Peco Energy	28¾	28¾
Penney (JC)	47¾	47¾
Pennzoil	44¾	44¾
Pepsico	51¾	52
Pfizer	56	56¾
Phelps Dodge	62	63¾
Philip Morris	85¾	85¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	41½
Polaroid	39¾	39¾
PriceCostco	17¾	17¾
Procter & Gmbl	80¾	80¾
Providian	41½	41½
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	32	32¾
Ralston Purina	58¾	59
Raychem Corp	44¾	44¾
Raytheon	85	85¾
Reebok Intl	33¾	33½
Reynolds Metals	52¾	54
Roadway Svcs	46	46
Rockwell Intl	45¾	45¾
Rohm & Haas	58¾	58¾
Royal Dutch	124¾	125¾
Rubbermaid	27¾	27¾
SBC Comms	54¾	54¾
Safeco Corp	65¾	65¾
St Paul's Cos	58¾	58¾
Salomon Inc	38¾	39
Sara Lee Corp	29¾	29¾
Scecorp	17¾	17¾
Schering Plough	52¾	53
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Scott Paper	48¾	48¾
Seagram	36¾	36¾
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Shell Trans	72¾	72¾
Sherwin Wllms	35½	35½
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Timken	40¾	41¾
Torchmark	42¾	42¾
Toys R Us	26¾	26¾
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Travelers	52¾	52¾
Tribune	62¾	63¾
Tyco Labs	60¾	60¾
UST Inc	30	30¾
UAL	172	173¾
US Inds	15¾	15¾
USX Marathon	19	18¾
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USAIR Group	12¾	12¾
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US Life	29¾	29
US West	47¾	47¾
United Tech	84	85
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	45¾	45
VF Corp	51	51¾
WMX Tech	27	27
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	89¾	91
Wells Fargo	199¾	199¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	15
Weyerhaeuser	45¾	45¾
Whirlpool	56	56¾
Whitman	20¾	20¾
Winn Dixie	69¾	68¾
Woolworth	15¾	15¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	50¾
Xerox	[illegible]	131½
Yellow Corp	13¾	13¾

Deal expected to prompt a wave of mergers, **Patricia Tehan** reports

TSB says yes to Lloyds after five-year courtship

Lloyds Bank and TSB have been talking merger for the past five years. The logic of such a deal has always been impressive. This time, after five years of on-and-off discussions and five years of restructuring and product and management strengthening at TSB, the time to put words into action was deemed to be right.

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive at Lloyds, and Peter Ellwood, his opposite number at TSB, started serious discussions a month ago. The approach came from Lloyds.

For Lloyds the logic is clear. The combination of Lloyds Bank and TSB will create a banking and insurance giant with assets of £140 billion, 90,000 staff (more than 70,000 in the UK), pre-tax profits of £2 billion, 3,000 branches, 15 million customers and coverage across Britain. Its branch network will be the biggest of any bank or building society in the country.

Despite their joint statement that the deal would be "in the best interests of customers, staff and shareholders", it is clear that shareholders will do best.

Another banker said: "It is going to be a bloodbath. The economics of the deal are based on keeping 85 per cent of the customers and firing staff."

Sources close to Lloyds said the logic is of "creating a bigger group that can capture the benefits and synergies and pass that on, not only to customers but to shareholders". As for staff, the takeover would create "opportunities".

The geographical fit is good. Lloyds is strongest in the south of England and under-represented in the North. It has only three branches in Scotland. TSB is strongest in the Midlands and the North. Lloyds completed its £1.8 billion acquisition of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society in August. C&G mortgages are already being sold through Lloyds branches. If the TSB deal goes ahead, C&G will also be selling its mortgages to TSB customers from early next year.

There will inevitably be overlaps in the branch network, but given the geographical fit, it will not be as extensive as, say, in the case of the merger of the Halifax with the Leeds. The biggest overlap in jobs will come in centralised functions such as Treasury operations.

Richard Coleman, banking analyst with Smith New Court, said he would expect job cuts of 10 to 15 per cent of UK staff. However, he added that since this is an agreed deal, not a hostile one, TSB would have been in a strong negotiating position. The job cuts are expected to be made over time and through a process of natural wastage and and voluntary redundancy. He said both Lloyds and TSB have been steadily reducing their headcount over the past few years, so the potential for cost savings is not as dramatic as some in the market yesterday hoped. He said: "It is not like starting with two flabby banks."

TSB brings with it Hill Samuel, its merchant banking arm. While the core merchant bank is not seen as a big attraction for Lloyds, the investment management business is seen as having potential.

For TSB, which had also held talks with Alliance & Leicester with a view to a merger, the logic is in terms of shareholder value. TSB would find it far harder to extract a premium of 2.5 times book value for its shareholders by taking over a building society. Given TSB's rather downmarket image and its unhappy management record in takeovers, most societies have not been keen to talk merger with the bank.

TSB has also had difficulty persuading the stock market that it has a credible strategy. The bank has a 2 per cent share of the UK mortgage market, is low in the mortgage league tables, and yet insists that mortgages are part of its core strategy. Mr Coleman said: "If that is your core business, you have a problem."

From the point of view of price, the deal looks attractive from both sides. Mr Coleman said that even before considering the cost cutting angle, the deal will not dilute Lloyds' earnings next year.

The takeover leaves the other banks, building societies and insurance companies considering their strategies. Analysts predicted that it would spark another wave of mergers and takeovers. One analyst said the move would force banks and building societies to speed up their search for partners.

NatWest has said that it is not interested in buying a building society, although an insurance acquisition is not ruled out. Barclays, under its new chief executive Martin Taylor, is not keen on acquisitions, particularly if they affect costs.

Buying another bank is an expensive process. Stock market speculation yesterday said the two Scottish banks, Royal Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland, were put in a difficult position by the merger and there would be pressure on them to merge or make acquisitions. Both have indicated that they would be interested in the right deal at the right price.

Attention is now focused on Nationwide Building Society, Alliance & Leicester and the Woolwich and on the mutual insurers and the Prudential and Legal & General.

The three building societies are expected to make moves in the next few months. Woolwich is believed to be working on flotation plans while Alliance & Leicester is working on plans to launch a general insurance operation that could involve a merger with a mutual life company. The Alliance & Leicester has repeatedly refused to comment on flotation talk, but equally will not rule it out.

The Nationwide, having been beaten to National & Provincial by Abbey National, is keen to make a move.



C&G's Andrew Longhurst, left, with Sir Brian Pitman


Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB, has been angling for a merger for some time

Why banks talk telephone numbers

When Lloyds made its unsuccessful bid for Midland in the spring of 1992 one of the great attractions to Sir Brian Pitman was First Direct, the pioneering telephone banking arm of Midland.

During his tenure as chief executive of Lloyds, Pitman has often been called a banking visionary and, as he looked into the future, he concluded that one of the best ways to substantially increase new business opportunities was through acquisitions or the telephone and other applied technology. In the rationalisation that must follow a Lloyds takeover of TSB, the one area where money and time will be invested in equal measure is telephone banking. Both banks already operate a 24-hour service. LloydsLine hopes to sign up 100,000 customers by the end of the year while TSB's PhoneBank, launched last October and now boasting 200,000 accounts, has replaced the tone-pad Speedlink system.

A newly integrated LloydsLine will still have some way to go to catch up with First Direct, however. Launched in 1989 and having just passed the 500,000 customer level, First Direct has become the model for competitors. What Pitman and his board will be most struck by in assessing where technology can take Lloyds is that it was only last year — five years after start-up — that First Direct delivered its first profits contribution. Kevin Newman, chief executive of First Direct, said yesterday that to buy First Direct now would cost "hundreds of millions of pounds". Midland's telephone banking arm is signing up customers at the rate of 10,000 a month. That, says Newman, is the equivalent of opening three branches every week.



There are some, however, who argue that now is the time to look beyond the telephone. Joseph De Feo, director of group operations and technology at Barclays, believes phone banking is just one method of linking banks with their customers. In the future, he says, these networks will encompass personal computers, digital TV channels and the Internet. Nevertheless, Barclays has kept a foot in both camps, having launched Barclaycall last year.

Cost-cutting is one of the driving forces behind electronic banking. As more consumers conduct their banking from home, the banks will require fewer employees in their high street outlets. But the banks insist that electronic banking, in the end, is more about survival than simple cost cutting. In the past, a retail bank could not develop a presence unless it spent vast sums of money to construct a network of branches and train thousands of people. Now, any company with direct access to customers can pose a threat to the banks.

Financing for a car can be arranged in the showroom, eliminating the need to make a separate visit to a bank. Theoretically, companies such as Microsoft and AT&T, with access to huge chunks of the population through their software and telecoms networks, could develop forms of electronic commerce that include banking. Of course, as non-banks enter the financial services market banks can enter their markets. For example, banks may eventually use electronic networks to package financial services with catalogue shopping.

There are still many hurdles to overcome before this sort of "convergence" becomes commonplace. Using the Internet for banking and shopping is not practical at the moment because it is not secure. Until encryption techniques are perfected, the cleverest hackers might be able to use the Internet to drain a bank account.

ROBERT MILLER AND ERIC REGULY

Macho policy on the franc weakens French economy

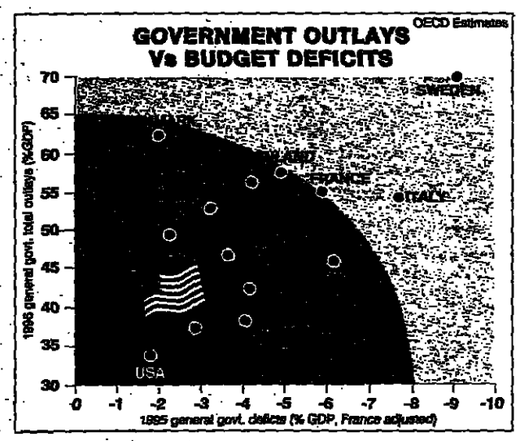
France could soon be challenging Italy in Europe's deficit league

SINCE the ERM debacle in September 1992, France has had no fewer than four currency crises. Each time short-term interest rates have had to be raised by close to two percentage points. The fifth such crisis began last week. This should have come as no surprise. Over the past three years, emergency interest rates have operated in France for 20 per cent of the time. Why does France defend its currency with higher interest rates? And what has been the economic impact?

In 1994 France's budget deficit stood at 6 per cent of GDP — essentially unchanged from 1993, when the economy was in recession. In the first half of this year, after two years of economic vigour, the deficit was even higher, just above 6 per cent. No other country in the OECD is in such a budgetary mess.

The only OECD countries likely to have larger deficits this year are Italy, Sweden and Greece. Italy and Sweden have both acted to rectify their fiscal problems and their budget situations have improved dramatically, but France's fiscal situation continues to deteriorate. Government revenues, for example, fell 0.6 per cent in the first half of 1995 from a year earlier; the Government's target increase of 5.9 per cent for the year is unattainable. With fiscal slippage becoming a way of life, France could by next year challenge Italy in Europe's excessive deficit league.

The cause of the problem is the *franc fort*. The price France is paying for a "strong" (or overvalued) currency is a weak economy, high unemployment and an expanding structural deficit. In an inflationary environment a fixed exchange-rate can be an effective weapon, but once inflation has been overcome, targeting a strong currency can force the economy into a straitjacket. The *franc fort* has become an objective in itself rather than a means to an end.



In France, the fixed exchange rate has forced the economy to grow well below its natural rate. According to the OECD, France had an output gap of 4 per cent of GDP in 1994 — higher than any other country's, except Italy and Finland. The corporate sector has been strangled, as reflected in the massive underperformance of the French stock market. Even the sharp improvement in the current account reflects low relative growth rather than any structural competitive improvement. Perhaps the most worrying impact of the overvalued franc has been on the budget. OECD figures show France's structural deficit has increased nearly every year since 1987.

The markets have followed the French Government in its obsession with the strong currency and low inflation. But now there is a new target via the EMU convergence criteria: the budget deficit must be cut to 3 per cent of GDP. This target will compete increasingly with the *franc fort*. That the two targets are in conflict is evidenced by the deterioration of the structural deficit. But the market is only just waking up to this. A poll by my firm last month found 80 per cent of market operators thought France's budget deficit was not much above Germany's. They were shocked to find it was more than twice as big relative to GDP.

The French have obfuscated their budget situation, publishing figures with much delay and convolution, but the EMU criteria now require more timely data and for the first time the budget will become an issue for the French markets.

France's deficit grew from 1.5 per cent of GDP in 1990 to 6 per cent this year. Concrete and measurable structural reforms are not the French way. The French would rather increase taxes than cut spending. The supposedly rigorous budget plan suggests a zero increase in real government spending in 1996; but this will follow real growth of 1.5 per cent in 1995 and 1 per cent in 1994. French government outlays are now 54 per cent of GDP — the highest in the G7 and higher than in Spain, Italy and Greece (see chart).

The French Government has said its deficit will hit the 3 per cent target by 1997 and will doubtless announce further "measures". In truth, the fiscal situation is deteriorating rapidly. Genuine fiscal realism would require extensive deregulation and spending cuts, plus a flexible exchange rate. The French denounce such advice as an Anglo-Saxon conspiracy, though they have also worked in Finland, Sweden and, to some extent, Italy.

France needs a flexible exchange rate to attain economic prosperity and reduce its budget deficits to Maastricht limits. Unless it changes course it will not only fail to qualify for EMU, but ironically be held responsible for its collapse.

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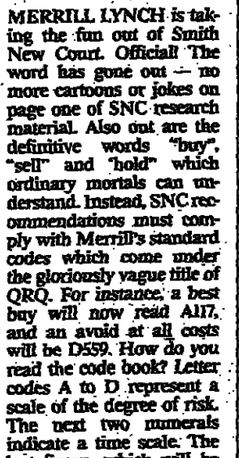
Merger? What merger?

FOR Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of TSB, and Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds Bank, the IMF can never have been so rudely interrupted. No sooner had they settled into their Washington hotel for a week-long bankers' bash than both received frantic telephone calls on Sunday afternoon from their head offices.

The Sunday Times had come across merger plans of Paradise (TSB) with Lexus (Lloyds) that otherwise would not have been revealed for some weeks. Both knights hot-footed it back to London, arriving at Heathrow yesterday and rushing to the City as the 7.30am Stock Exchange announcement went out.

As for the *ST* discovery, that came about because an eagle-eyed journalist saw on a desk at Barings a piece of paper that should have been locked in a safe. The two banking knights will not be rushing back to the IMF. Their conference has already been rudely ruined.

THE wags are already playing with TSB's ditty and taking liberties with Lloyds Bank's horse. The ditty now goes "The bank that likes to say "nay".



"We are concerned about possible job losses"

Out of reach

MEANWHILE, the code name chosen for the project to merge RTZ with CRA was Tantalus. If only the boffins had consulted their classical dictionary. Tantalus, mythical king of Phrygia, son of Zeus and the nymph Pluto, was condemned for revealing the secrets of the gods to stand up to his chin in water which receded whenever he stooped to drink. He also had branches of fruit hanging above him which always evaded his grasp.

No fun

MERRILL LYNCH is taking the fun out of Smith New Court. Official! The word has gone out — no more cartoons or jokes on page one of SNC research material. Also out are the definitive words "buy", "sell" and "hold" which ordinary mortals can understand. Instead, SNC recommendations must comply with Merrill's standard codes which come under the gloriously vague title of QRQ. For instance, a best buy will now read A117, and an avoid at all costs will be D559. How do you read the code book? Letter codes A to D represent a scale of the degree of risk. The next two numerals indicate a time scale. The last figure, which will be either, 7, 8 or 9, is the clue for whether the dividend is rising, flat or falling. The National Lottery is easier to comprehend.

Right signals?

BUSINESSES are still wooing the Conservative Party to judge by the number of stands at its conference that opens today. And, in the run-up to rail privatisation, no fewer than four parts of BR are represented, but distinctly separated: BR London Rail Development, CrossRail, European Passenger Services and Railtrack. Perhaps they are working on a correct timetable for delegates.

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Advice centres will link businesses to success

The small firms minister tells **Rodney Hobson** his plans

BUSINESS Links will be seen as the top industrial initiative of the past three years, said Richard Page, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry and the minister responsible for small businesses.

"Look at the competition," he said. "German and Japanese entrepreneurs need training before they are able to set up their own companies. In this country, you can just walk into a bank, open an account and you are in business. I find this frightening.

"You cannot be an expert at everything — sales, marketing, cash flow, VAT, stock control, design. I hope people will go to Business Links and get advice. We want people who start up businesses to get training. We want to help with drawing up a business plan. Those who do not get proper advice are either rich or mad."

Business Links are intended to provide a one-stop shop for small and medium-sized businesses, especially those that are already established and are showing the potential to grow.

Each Business Link is a partnership between chambers of commerce, training and enterprise councils (Tecs), local authorities, enterprise agencies and other bodies such as universities.

Tecs, which operate under the Department for Education and Employment, have been criticised for a patchy performance, with some extremely active and others almost dormant. Mr Page is determined that no such accusations will be levelled at Business Links.

"They will not just sit there when they think they have got enough local businesses on their books," he said. "They have got to ring people up and say 'how can we help you?'.

"The Business Links programme is only going to be successful if there is a uniform high standard throughout the country, otherwise the whole purpose is lost. We shall have a monitoring system. We shall contact customers and ask how they were treated and whether their query was answered. They will be asked if they were dealt with in a reasonable time.



Page: curbing failure

So far 140 Business Links have been set up. Mr Page hopes there will be 200 by the end of next year and 240 by April before the programme pauses to take stock. He thinks that some adjustments may be necessary as the individual Business Links reconsider their roles and the DTI assesses whether they are providing what is needed.

Mr Page believes some Business Links will decide to specialise in fields such as tourism or agriculture according to their location. He also accepts that some in rural areas may decide to amalgamate.

He said: "Some of the smaller Business Links may link into a central hub. There could be, perhaps, just a personal computer and someone to answer the door and the telephone. All the information could come down the line. In fact, I can see more and more businessmen and women ringing up to get information down the line. They are already connected to the Internet and receive e-mail."

A degree of rationalisation may be inevitable, given that the list so far has a rural and small-town bias. Brighouse, Hooley Bridge, Wansdyke and Pershore grace the roll of Business Links approved so far. Lincolnshire has eight. London none.

"We had to make sure we got London right because it is such a big area. We had to decide whether to divide it up and, if so, how," said Page. "We have decided to have one common telephone number and to have a central hub with all the data and centralised services, such as advisers on exporting. There will be eight centres covering local areas and callers will be directed to their nearest one."

Business Links may provide some services themselves but they are more likely to refer inquiries to an appropriate organisation such as a Tec for training or an accountant for a financial problem.

Mr Page said: "We will try to make the businessman's life easier. They get a pile of bumph extolling this form of advertising or that method of stock control. The businessman has no way of evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of what is on offer. We have to provide a focused advice service with an approved team of specialists."

Mr Page believes that the Business Links initiative will help to break the cycle of business failures. While Britain sees far more businesses set up each year than Germany or Japan, the attrition rate more than wipes out the difference.

He said: "With increasing international trade and pressure on markets, the age of the gifted amateur is gone. If you are not up to speed, you go down. Those entrepreneurs who get advice from agencies have a greater survival rate than those who just went to banks.

"We can filter out those that don't have a cat in hell's chance from the start. We don't want to stop enthusiasm or the entrepreneurial spirit. We don't want to stop that get-up-and-go, but we must curb the failures."



John Caines, in the reflection, received help from Michael Brickell, left, and Mike Blackie, of the local Business Link

Ladies' wear retailer finds £100,000 fit through Link

A GROWING Gloucestershire company has secured a £100,000 investment through the business angel service run by the county's Business Link to match potential investors with new and growing businesses (Rodney Hobson writes).

Cotswolds Collections is an upmarket retailer of specialist ladies' knitwear and separates, with seven shops thoughout the Cotswolds, a mail order service and an annual turnover of £2.5 million.

The company was founded in 1986, but was taken over by new management two years ago. John Caines, a non-executive director, approached Business Link for help in finding additional finance to fund new shops and catalogues. He also wanted an investor who would bring additional expertise, either from the retail sector or from a finance background.

The ideal angel was found: Michael Brickell, a chartered accountant who has worked in retailing for most of his career. He was looking for investment opportunities on moving back to the UK after 20 years in Canada, where his last position was chief executive of an upmarket retail chain.

He wanted to retain some control over his investment by combining his financial contribution with a role in the day-to-day running of the business.

Mr Brickell is now executive chairman of Cotswold Collections and the effects of his expertise and experience show. An area sales manager has been appointed, the shops are managed centrally, the design of the shops has been improved and a more effective management reporting system has been introduced.



"Metric? I'm too busy going frantic!"

BRIEFINGS

The two million teleworkers and people who run businesses from home could have to apply to the taxman to keep their mortgages in the Miras scheme, under which payments are made with tax relief, the Telecottage Association has warned the Inland Revenue. The Revenue has issued instructions that home-based business people and employees should check with their tax office that they are still eligible for Miras, which applies if at least two thirds of the property is in domestic use, but this could cause much extra form-filling.

The association, which promotes the use of technology-equipped centres by small businesses, has advised the Revenue to put the two-thirds ruling in its Miras guidance to lenders, which could then decide on eligibility and eliminate the added paperwork. If a home-based proprietor does not qualify for Miras, the domestic mortgage could become a business loan.

☐ Parcelforce is hosting small business forums over the next two months. Representatives from Midland Bank, Business Links, Tecs, the Institute of Management and British Standards Institution will attend, along with local tax and legal experts. Locations and dates from Clare Parsonage on 0190-868 7275.

☐ Buyers from 40 leading companies will be at Surrey Training and Enterprise Council's "Meet The Buyers" event at the Blue Ribband Room, Epsom Downs, on October 31 and November 1. The buyers will be looking for suppliers among local companies. A similar event last year produced £780,000 of business. Attendance is limited to the first 250 applicants. Contact Sam Spiro on 0171-613 1000.

☐ A programme to stimulate innovation in small manufacturing and technology-based businesses is to be run by the South London Training and Enterprise Council. The programme, "Managing for Success", begins on November 1 with a workshop and will progress through sessions on finding business opportunities and forming an action plan. A consultant will then give one-to-one assistance and spend a day with participating companies. The programme is the council's response to reports that innovative businesses enjoy above-average sales, growth and profitability. All-in fee: £50 plus VAT. Details: 01865 784888 and 01626 852030.

☐ A specialist healthcare section within the UK 200 Group of independent chartered accountants will be formed today. Members of the group already act for 3,000 healthcare clients, including doctors, surgeons, dentists, pharmacists, opticians, physiotherapists, nursing and care homes and private hospitals, and believe that they can improve their service by pooling their experience formally.

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Recession in building industry 'deepening'

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S construction industry is slipping into a "new recessionary crisis", building companies said yesterday.

The industry gave warning of the "political implications" of a continuing building recession as its leaders called on the Government, in the Budget, to seize the "last opportunity" to help. Based on the findings of its latest quarterly state of trade survey, the Building Employers' Confederation said the construction industry was moving deeper into recession, and that things were going to get worse.

The results of the survey — the first of this quarter's large-scale industrial studies — will make ministers brace themselves for the findings of reports from the chambers of commerce and the CBI within the next fortnight. Building materials producers will reinforce the gloom with their survey later today.

Calling on Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to announce measures in next month's Budget to boost the industry, the BEC was critical of the Government's Private Finance Initiative, and said the Government had to introduce "more realistic" guidelines.

Its survey shows that output in the industry fell by almost 1 per cent in the third quarter — the third successive quarterly fall — with the rate of decline now increasing.

The balance of firms — those expecting an increase set against those forecasting a fall — believing output will rise over the next 12 months fell back from 18 to 12 per cent. Half of all firms surveyed reported below-normal levels of work, with 42 per cent saying they were having less success in tendering for new work, though new inquiries in the commercial sector were still showing some "modest" growth. Employment in the industry is expected to continue to fall.

Paul Shepherd, BEC chairman, said: "These results show that during the last quarter the situation in construction has continued to deteriorate ... and that there is no expectation of an early improvement." He said the Budget was the "last opportunity to stimulate construction activity".

BT set for French venture

BT is on the verge of fitting one of the biggest pieces in its European jigsaw by forming a joint venture in France. Mike Grabiner, director of BT Europe, said the company should be able to announce the French partnership within a few months. (Eric Reguly writes).

He would not identify the proposed partner, but it is most likely to be a bank or industrial group that wants to create a presence in the increasingly liberal telecoms sector. Analysts said that Général des Eaux, Lyonnaise des Eaux and Electricité de France are the most likely industrial candidates.

BT already has joint ventures with Banco Santander in Spain, Banca Nationale del Lavoro in Italy and Viag, the German industrial group.

The French joint venture will initially offer data and voice services to corporate customers.

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Trevor Spencer, left, and Norman Stubbs, chief executive, saw all seven of Tay's trading areas make a profit

Aran rejects increased bid terms from Arco

BY MARTIN BARROW

ARAN Energy, the oil and gas exploration company, has rejected an increased takeover bid by Atlantic Richfield (Arco).

Arco's latest offer, declared final in the absence of a higher offer by a rival bidder, is worth Ir68p a share in cash, valuing Aran at Ir£178 million.

The offer will be reduced to Ir66p a share if Aran's shareholders vote in favour of a proposal to establish a joint venture with Norway's Statoil to develop the Connemara oilfield off the Irish west coast.

The latest offer represents a 60 per cent premium over the Aran share price before the announcement of the original offer.

Arco's increased bid was made after Statoil confirmed that it was also making a full cash offer for Aran.

Statoil's technical staff completed a preliminary evaluation of Aran's assets at the weekend. "We are encouraged by our findings and we are giving our utmost consideration to determining our next action," a spokesman said.

Arco is firmly opposed to the Statoil joint venture, arguing that the loss of sole operational control of the field would represent a diminution in Aran shareholder value. Arco also criticised an independent asset valuation by SSI, the petroleum consultant, and published by Aran, giving an estimated worth of Ir104p a share.

Arco said yesterday that the valuation "strains credibility and, not surprisingly, has largely been ignored by the market". Aran shares firmed to 73½p yesterday, from 72¾p. Aran shareholders vote on the Connemara proposals on October 23. Arco's final offer closes at 1pm the next day.

Arco launched an initial offer of 60p a share for Aran, valuing the company at Ir£157 million, on August 21, which Aran rejected saying it did not take into account the true value of the group's assets.

The last dealt price of Aran in Dublin on August 18, the last business day before the announcement of Arco's original offer on August 21, was Ir42.5p.

"This final offer provides full value for all of Aran's assets," Bill Wade, chairman of Arco Irish Holdings, said.

"It also gives shareholders the opportunity of securing a value for Aran shares considerably in excess of market prices existing prior to our original offer," he added.

Tay builds profits in hard market

TAY HOMES, the regional housebuilder, increased pre-tax profits to £7.06 million from £6.23 million in the year to June 30, in spite of a difficult housing market (Martin Barrow writes).

Sales improved after a slow start and the number of homes sold rose to 1,559 from 1,308, with average prices improving to £71,700 from £64,700.

Trevor Spencer, the chairman, said: "With the aid of extra new developments opening shortly, the targeted units for the year to June 1996 should be achievable."

All seven trading areas earned a profit, with Yorkshire the most profitable. The Midlands and the North West were adversely affected by the slowdown, but two new regions, western and north Midlands, made contributions for the first time.

Earnings were 15.9p a share (15.5p). The total dividend rises to 7p a share from 4.5p with a 5.45p final due to be paid on November 25.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Firecrest leaps 71% as turnover slips

FIRECREST, the advertising and marketing group listed on the Alternative Investment Market, unveiled a 71 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £113,000 in the six months to June 30, in spite of a slight drop in turnover. Robert Manning, chairman, predicted stronger growth in the second half, when the group traditionally makes most of its profits, and when major new contracts will have started to bear fruit. Turnover was down from £2.66 million to £2.62 million and earnings per share dipped slightly from 0.46p last time to 0.45p. Fully diluted earnings per share were 0.35p. The directors are not recommending the payment of an interim dividend.

Mr Manning said: "Although it is not reflected in the profits at the interim stage, we have had a successful start to the year with the group winning a number of major contracts. Since the management buyout in 1992, the group has expanded rapidly." Firecrest's core business is the Capper Granger advertising agency and FM, best known for "The Card" it has promoted for *The Sunday Times*. The group announced on October 2 that it had acquired Nethead Ltd, an access provider to the Internet.

MR-Data cuts payout

MR-DATA MANAGEMENT has cut dividend payments after suffering a sharp downturn in annual profits. The total dividend falls to 3.576p a share from 5.536p, with a 1.5p final due on November 17, after pre-tax profits slumped to £1.31 million from £6.35 million in the year to June 30. Earnings fell to 1.6p a share from 8p. The shares eased 2p to 62p yesterday. Profits were affected by exceptional costs of £2.84 million charged against asset write-downs and excess property rentals.

Ulster engine plant talks

F.G. WILSON ENGINEERING, one of the world's largest makers of diesel generating sets, is negotiating with Caterpillar, the Illinois earth-moving-equipment group, to establish a diesel-engine plant at Larne, Co Antrim, employing up to 500 people. Negotiations with the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board over the level of start-up support that might be forthcoming, are known to be at an advanced stage, although the board would make no comment on the potential inward investment.

Vimto buys packer

J N NICHOLS (Vimto), the manufacturer of soft drinks, vending ingredients and catering products, has acquired Stockpack, a subsidiary of Bodycote International, for £4.7 million. Stockpack is a contract packing company serving the dry goods industry and produces high volumes of towelettes used in the fast food industry and by airlines. In 1994, it earned profits of £1.2 million. Net assets were £5.9 million at the year end. A dividend of £4.3 million was paid to Bodycote immediately before completion.

Dividend doubled

FORWARD TECHNOLOGY, the electronics company, has doubled the interim dividend to 1p a share after lifting profits to £812,000 before tax from £340,000 in the half year to June 30. Earnings improved to 1.9p a share from 0.8p. However, the shares fell 8½p to 86p yesterday. Profits from the electronics division improved to £556,000 from £316,000, while the sound and vision division improved to £478,000 from £244,000. Further growth is expected in both divisions this year. The interim dividend is due on November 30.

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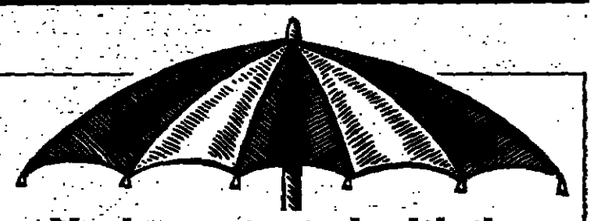
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General	260.90	277.50	-2.00	3.00
Japan	116.10	124.20	-0.90	
Mastertrust	149.30	159.70	-0.20	1.52
US Emerging Cos	164.30	174.80	-0.90	
Income & Growth	430.20	457.70	-2.00	2.98
Ethical	73.12	77.79	-0.40	2.60
International	121.20	128.96	-0.70	0.76
Dividend & Growth	65.50	69.68	-0.13	4.03
Global Gwth & Sec	69.54	74.26		2.85
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1963.00	2029.00		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	50.41	52.35†	-0.05	0.59
Cash	50.24	50.24†	-0.01	5.82
Emerging Mkts	68.57	72.67	-0.28	0.05
European	127.00	133.00	-0.10	
Enarms	1015.50	1056.10†	-3.30	1.71
Euro Income #	48.84	52.28†	-0.08	6.50
Far East Emg Ecn	118.40	125.40	-0.20	0.50
Fixed Interest #	23.35	24.51	+0.01	9.58
Fund Inv Tst	164.10	172.60†	-0.10	9.01
Japan	180.20	188.80	-0.90	
Latin American	50.11	53.59	-0.43	0.93
Pacific	78.37	82.71	-0.05	0.32
Property Share	62.56	65.67	-0.16	1.98
UK Emerging Cos	68.97	72.40	-0.12	1.71
UK Growth	47.56	50.35†	-0.24	2.33
Aber World Port #	77.54	78.91	-0.03	2.08
Ethical	70.12	73.60	-0.22	2.29
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.21	50.21†	-0.02	7.48
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	93.06	99.00†	+0.33	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Recall Prospect	97.75	104.30		5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.73	85.65†	-0.23	2.41
Income Builder Inc	74.51	79.27	-0.16	2.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	253.40	270.80†		2.88
Capital	451.70	482.80†		1.71
Balanced	747.50	799.00		2.49
Accumulator	1401.00	1497.00		2.11
Income Trusts				
American Income	53.63	57.33		3.10
High Income	420.00	448.90†		3.44
Equity Income	236.10	252.30		3.30
High Yield	257.10	274.80		3.16
Govt Securities	32.89	34.79†		6.10
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	173.30	185.20†		0.38
European Growth	41.27	43.94		0.01
International	173.00	184.60		0.15
Japan	194.50	207.00		0.01
Pacific	390.00	416.90		0.01
Secs of America	494.60	526.30†		0.44
Wrldw Asset Val	51.48	55.03†		0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	568.60	607.80		2.10
Conv & Gilt	44.58	47.65		4.87
Smaller Cos	189.50	202.50†		1.10
2nd Smaller Cos	179.20	191.50†		1.27
Recovery	153.90	164.50		1.59
Met Min & Cdty	158.60	169.50		0.70
Ocean Earnings	382.90	409.20		1.65
Technology	201.40	215.20		0.01
UK Special Sits	514.40	549.80†		1.58
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Constd Out Pens	107.30	113.40		3.04
Founder Pers Pens	65.47	67.97		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	74.68	79.45	-0.67	1.83
International	66.45	70.69		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	282.60	302.70†	-1.00	
Bond	114.40	120.40		6.97
Brit Smlr Cos	111.70	118.80	-0.20	2.85
Corp & Gen =	68.16	72.51†	-0.05	5.43
Europe	233.60	248.30	-0.40	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	105.70	112.80	-0.10	0.62
Income Grth	364.80	387.90†		3.98
Japan	213.80	232.80	-1.10	
Latin American	69.17	73.59	-0.22	
Pacific	166.10	176.90	-0.20	1.26
UK Smlr Cos	59.71	63.52	-0.21	1.28
Japan Fd	664.20	684.90	-0.90	
Mngd Fd	183.90	196.40	-0.30	3.05
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bnk & Oseas	319.90	336.40		0.86
Capital Gwth	118.10	124.30		2.63
World Oseas	195.50	206.80		0.97
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
[illegible]	378.20	393.90	-1.60	2.57
[illegible]	92.15	95.41	-0.02	6.86
[illegible]	77.41	82.57	-0.27	4.15
Financial	85.73	91.65	+1.34	3.70
[illegible]	470.30	508.50†	-0.10	2.56
General	298.70	309.10†	-1.80	2.68
Property	[illegible]	263.80		6.51
[illegible]	203.60	217.40	-1.00	2.20
Income Trusts				
[illegible]	[illegible]	100.10†		6.03
Extra Income	126.31	134.70†	-0.20	5.06
Gilt & Fxd Int	37.42	39.31†	-0.04	8.46
Income	552.10	591.60	-2.10	3.86
[illegible] #	[illegible]	59.92†	-0.28	5.63
[illegible]	[illegible]	60.21	-0.11	3.38
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	2.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	1.16
Recovery	444.50	475.30	-3.00	2.77
Smllr Cos Inc	47.26	51.22	-0.12	2.26
Special Sits	125.60	134.50	-0.50	1.39
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	147.27	156.60	-0.20	0.32
Aust Acc	255.20	272.80	-1.10	2.23
Aust Inc	155.90	167.04	-0.70	2.23
Euro Gth Inc	[illegible]	170.70	-0.40	0.77
-do- Accum	177.50	184.30	-0.40	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	167.70	-0.30	
[illegible]	[illegible]	77.45	-0.35	
[illegible]	92.07	96.86	-0.15	0.08
[illegible]	122.70	136.90	-1.20	0.85
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
[illegible]				
American Growth	115.30	122.60	-0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	
[illegible]	52.57	57.45†	-0.11	5.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	210.30	-0.50	0.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.40	4.10
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.60	0.60
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	0.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.02	0.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		6.20
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.14	
Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.30
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.29
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.47	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	89.42	93.35	-0.08	1.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.05	[illegible]
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Special [illegible]	57.96	61.66		
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 220 9029				
[illegible]	115.67	125.18†	-0.27	1.48
-do- Accum	136.07	147.01	-0.42	1.48
Smaller Cos	117.26	126.29	-0.06	0.83
Higher Inc #	49.14	51.27†	-0.04	4.29
American Growth	79.67	[illegible]	-0.36	
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.29	0.52
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.42	0.52
[illegible] #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.01	7.37
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.01	1.46
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.01	1.46
[illegible]	121.72	129.39	-5.96	
Pacific Gth	132.59	140.42	-0.07	0.42
UK General #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.23	3.10
-do- Accum #	86.64	91.74	-0.34	3.10
Japan	[illegible]	62.96	-0.12	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.92	101.47†	-0.19	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 486 7215				
Short Dated G #	66.06	66.57	-0.06	6.36
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5050				
[illegible]	172.50	181.40	-0.20	1.65
UK Growth	[illegible]	194.90	-0.90	2.16
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.40	4.14
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 652 105				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.20	4.07
-do- Accum	357.60	373.10	+1.40	4.07
Gilt & Fxd Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.07	6.45
Growth Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	+2.30	2.75
Bond	170.60	179.70†	[illegible]	5.47
Intl Growth	222.20	236.50	-0.20	0.42
North American	[illegible]	226.10	-0.50	0.35
Far East	277.80	299.20	-1.60	1.10
UK Smaller Cos	196.90	209.50		1.54
European	87.65	93.99	+0.30	0.61
Japanese Growth	45.55	48.46	-0.13	
High Income	199.50	213.00†	-0.08	4.53
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 871 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
Americas & Gen	175.20	185.43†	-0.16	
European Inc	81.94	86.77	-0.12	1.22
[illegible]	92.98	98.91	-1.05	1.61
Growth	470.90	501.00†	-1.50	1.96
Income & Grwth #	422.40	462.00	-4.10	3.91
-do- Accum #	629.70	669.90	-6.00	3.91
Japan & Gen	66.66	70.76	-0.66	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.34
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.34
Special Sits	110.50	117.40	-0.30	1.96
High [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-6.00	4.32

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	93.31	98.41	-0.29	2.65
American Portfolio	104.07	110.62	-0.79	1.01
European Portfolio	111.42	118.58†	-0.18	0.58
High Income	50.41	50.45	-0.01	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	65.07	69.24†	-0.60	
Pacific Portfolio	142.76	153.51	+0.87	1.46
UK Inc & Growth	82.84	88.84†	-0.28	3.05
Utility & Bond	58.35	59.02	-0.26	6.48
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	709.47	720.19		4.42
Fxd Int Svc	152.85	153.47		9.38
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	699.46	710.04		4.49
Investment Acc	530.62	531.28		
Fixed Int Inc	123.87	124.32		9.25
Fixed Int Acc	206.16	206.98		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	119.86	130.41		
UK Income	111.61	121.33		6.23
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	85.13	89.85†		2.70
Brcb Bio-Tech	37.17	40.92		
Acorn Emerg Tc	159.16	166.08		0.75
City Fin Access	73.96	77.66†	+0.44	1.77
City Fin America	95.04	99.80		
City Fin Intl	81.34	85.41		1.37
City Fin Japan	145.95	153.26		
Frans Hse Cap	202.11	205.51	-0.41	2.39
Frans Hse Inc	195.93	211.73	-0.94	3.98
Beckley Wrld Grth	133.72	141.74†		
Fermnt Cap Gth	141.37	150.85		
Fermnt Intl	151.48	162.15		
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	55.47	58.25		2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.77	59.70	+0.12	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	71.55	76.52	+0.01	
Alles Mngd Gwth	39.37	42.53	-0.12	0.75
Dragon Growth	67.29	71.96	+0.01	0.91
Equity High Inc	88.64	92.78†	-0.45	4.03
-do- Accum	120.29	128.82	-0.62	4.03
Extra Income Inc	25.77	27.13†		7.66
Extra Income Acc	26.80	28.21		7.66
European Gwth	54.62	58.11	+0.29	1.24
Evergreen	27.84	29.77	-0.14	
General Equity	91.15	96.71	-0.60	2.98
Japan Growth	49.47	52.91	-0.32	
Pedigree Gwth	54.93	58.94	-0.29	2.88
Pacific Sml Cos Inc	32.92	35.02	+0.08	1.62
-do- Accum	34.45	36.45	+0.09	1.62
Retirement Inc #	36.75	38.46	-0.11	5.58
Special Sits	31.47	34.12	+0.27	2.16
UK & Overseas	52.73	56.10	-0.19	1.40
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	74.00	76.29	-2.20	2.05
Balanced	65.00	66.85	+1.93	4.33
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	166.65	177.18†	-0.08	4.94
Fixed & Convertible	39.41	41.93†	+0.04	6.95
Monthly Inc Plus	48.29	51.36†	-0.12	8.72
Preference Share	35.49	48.79†	-0.07	8.08
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.83	133.86†	+0.08	6.07
Managed Fund	70.30	74.79†	-0.09	3.11
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.49	45.20	+0.03	1.80
-do- Accum	48.45	52.61	-0.02	1.80
UK & General	85.66	91.13†	-0.35	2.79
-do- Accum	109.32	116.94†	-0.45	2.79
UK Growth	159.80	170.00	-0.14	2.38
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.41	203.62	-0.97	0.12
Far Eastern Gwth	127.27	135.39	-0.25	
Global Bond	80.27	85.30†	+0.32	6.28
Japan Growth	113.23	120.46	-0.39	
North Amer Grth	190.78	202.96	+1.22	
Oriental Growth	77.54	82.49	-0.15	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.28	71.57†	-0.02	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.52	91.52†	-0.03	6.10
Homemaker Fund	84.77	90.18	-0.42	1.67
Qathra Fund	140.83	149.82	-0.40	2.03
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.74	35.00		3.40
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	170.30	181.20	-1.60	1.38
Income	72.12	76.73	-0.19	5.55
European	65.35	69.53	+0.21	1.13
Recovery	169.20	180.00	-0.80	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	865.80	899.90		3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	90.16	95.91†	-0.04	1.20
Income #	262.60	279.30	-1.20	4.23
-do- Accum #	659.90	702.00	-3.00	4.23
Smaller Cos	193.80	206.20	+0.10	0.95
-do- Accum	236.60	253.80	+0.20	0.95
Inv Portfolio	87.85	93.45	-0.27	1.42
High Inc Port #	75.73	80.56	-0.28	4.42
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1570.10	1619.30		
Japan Small Cos	1075.10	1096.60		
UK Small Cos	1932.80	2012.50		
US Small Cos	1867.80	1906.80		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.80	232.40		2.77
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	290.80	307.20	+1.00	0.89
New Asia	216.80	231.80†	-1.10	0.15
Japan Growth	111.80	118.90†	-0.50	
Jap Smllr Co	434.70	461.10	-1.80	
Nth Amer	321.10	339.80	+2.20	0.86
UK Inc & Grth	227.60	243.00†	-1.20	2.75
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	153.00	162.70	-0.50	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	162.20	172.50	-0.10	4.17
-do- Accum	211.70	225.20	-0.20	4.17
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.31	61.84	-0.05	5.07
Environmtl Opps	94.00	100.00	-0.20	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	59.44	63.23		0.01
Extra Income Inc ‡				
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	142.80	151.60	+0.40	1.15
Convertibles #	21.29	22.62†	-0.04	6.19
Equity Income #	132.90	141.20†	-0.60	3.65
EuroFund	49.48	52.48	+0.17	0.38
Financial	48.86	51.70	-0.02	1.45
Growth & Inc #	255.40	271.40	+1.70	2.84
High Dist #	166.10	176.50	-1.10	4.25
International	396.00	420.60	-0.70	0.12
Ird Cap Inc	96.83	102.30†	+0.10	2.69
Latin American	36.62	38.56	-0.34	
Pacific	79.06	83.99†	-0.44	
Pref High Inc	21.30	22.63†	-0.05	7.29
Tokyo	217.60	230.90†	-1.70	
UK Smaller Cos	251.80	267.50	+0.70	1.63
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	96.01	102.25	-0.31	1.38
Growth Acc	235.42	251.52	-1.13	0.41
Income	590.74	628.42	+0.08	5.25
Intl & General	413.45	431.25	-3.23	0.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7381				
Endurance Fd	211.10	224.60†		1.03
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	83.89	88.30	-0.77	1.59
Ethical Tst	44.52	46.86	-0.03	1.32
Far Eastern	297.99	313.61	-1.36	1.87
High Income	135.86	143.01	-0.15	4.82
Intl Growth	122.33	128.77	-0.31	0.51
North American	126.15	132.79†	-0.98	1.63
Pelican	124.50	131.06†	-0.34	3.37
Smaller Cos	67.33	70.97	-0.01	2.75
Special Sits	90.19	94.94†	-0.12	2.24
Tst of Inv Tsts	191.49	201.57	-0.73	1.35
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	199.84	212.60†	-0.40	1.32
Smaller Cos Acc	353.65	376.32†	-0.72	1.32
Recovery	50.22	53.43	-0.08	1.85
Recovery Acc	51.14	54.40	-0.09	1.85
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.82	94.18†	-0.18	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.70	49.81	-0.12	0.58
High Income #	40.62	43.75†	-0.04	10.51
Warrant	52.75	57.34†	-15.00	
Zero Preference	41.12	43.62	-0.01	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Accml Tst	81.97	87.20†	-0.44	2.36
Family Income Tst	44.21	44.21†	-0.29	6.44
Family Trust	92.30	98.19†	-0.24	1.39
Global Charities	268.70	285.60†	-1.20	4.33
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree. Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.30	27.40†	-0.16	7.29
Intl Bond	29.41	30.52	-0.03	5.50
Income Funds				
High Income	24.72	25.98†		5.55
Income Plus	117.00	124.50†	-0.20	4.25
Amer Eq Inc	52.90	56.19		1.57
European Income	44.91	47.20	+0.05	2.43
Far East Inc	65.50	69.67	-0.08	2.36
Global [illegible]	73.54	75.09†	-0.07	3.76
UK Div Gth	27.25	28.98†	-0.15	2.23
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.25	66.42	-0.59	
American	279.60	296.50	-0.90	
Amer Spec Sits	146.20	156.30	-0.10	
Asian Smaller Cos	35.36	37.72	-0.05	
European	250.50	267.40†	-0.90	
European Opps	68.24	72.56	-0.35	
Global [illegible]	27.95	29.72	+0.03	
UK Growth	103.80	110.40	-0.20	
Growth & Inc	155.10	165.60	-0.60	2.62
Intl PEP	47.43	48.06	-0.10	
Japan Spec Sit	84.36	89.66	-0.78	
Japan	180.50	192.30	-0.10	
Managed Intl	308.50	328.20	-0.30	
[illegible]	60.15	61.80	-0.01	
Recovery	50.37	53.56	-0.17	
South E Asia	163.60	174.60†	-1.10	
Special Sits	597.60	634.30†	+1.20	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Unit	111.29	111.29	-3.04	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	140.10	142.90†		2.29
Inc Plato #	87.17	91.78†	-0.28	3.62
Cap Plato	150.80	159.75	-0.40	1.46
General Opps	129.30	131.00		3.64
Growth Inc	32.78	30.47	-0.15	1.37
Pringle Portfolio	43.20	44.70†		1.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	120.30	127.90	-0.50	0.62
Emrg Mkts	156.80	169.60†	+0.10	
High Income	20.89	22.20†	-0.07	10.14
UK Growth	116.40	123.60	-0.30	2.10
UK Income	117.30	124.50	-0.40	4.42
US Smaller Cos	[illegible]	308.40†	+0.50	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.77	80.73†	-0.18	4.21
Investment Trust	98.21	103.39†	-0.27	
UK Smaller Cos	91.32	96.03	-0.04	0.99

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	67.20	71.78	+0.03	
-do- Accum	67.20	71.76	+0.03	
Amer Smllr Cos	580.90	621.30†	+1.80	
-do- Accum	593.40	634.70†	+1.70	
Capital Tst	333.50	354.70†		1.67
-do- Accum	484.30	515.00†		1.67
Cont Smllr Cos	60.24	64.26	+0.12	0.79
-do- Accum	63.57	67.80	+0.12	0.79
Convertible	132.10	140.70	-0.30	5.31
-do- Accum	272.80	290.10	-0.60	5.31
Emerging Markets	66.29	70.81	+0.20	
-do- Accum	66.34	70.87	-0.21	
European	125.20	132.70	+0.30	0.46
-do- Accum	131.60	139.50	+0.30	0.46
Extra Income	359.80	382.60	-1.30	3.83
-do- Accum	562.30	597.40	-2.10	3.83
Financial	139.60	149.70	+0.60	0.81
-do- Accum	147.80	156.40	+0.60	0.61
Gilt Trust	61.04	62.94†	-0.01	6.63
-do- Accum	88.82	92.68†	-0.03	6.63
Health Fund Inc	184.70	197.20	+1.90	
-do- Accum	184.70	197.20	+1.90	
Income & Growth	208.20	221.50	+0.40	3.56
-do- Accum	319.20	339.50	+0.30	3.56
Inc Growth	389.40	418.30	-1.70	
-do- Accum	432.80	462.20	-2.00	
Japan & Gen	178.50	190.40	-0.10	
-do- Accum	180.30	192.30	-0.10	
Monthly Inc	178.10	189.70	-1.00	3.83
Managed Port Inc	111.40	117.30	-0.10	1.85
-do- Accum	119.80	126.10		1.85
Quarterly Income	53.97	57.60†	-0.10	4.42
-do- Accum	59.29	63.50	-0.11	4.42
Recovery	352.40	376.80	-0.60	0.03
-do- Accum	416.00	444.90	-0.80	0.03
UK Growth	58.43	62.41	-0.19	2.53
-do- Accum	61.93	66.15	-0.18	2.53
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	50.83	54.07	+0.19	0.58
FP Am Smllr Cos	142.50	152.40	+1.00	
FP Asian Growth	258.50	276.40	+0.70	
FP Australian	342.80	367.80	+0.40	
FP Equity Dist	408.20	434.20	-2.10	2.57
-do- Accum	874.20	930.00	-4.50	2.57
FP Euro Gth	229.80	244.40†	+0.10	0.38
-do- Accum	249.70	265.60†		0.38
FP Intl Bond	58.57	61.97	+0.08	4.73
FP Intl Gth Dist	34.01	36.29	-0.04	0.45
-do- Accum	49.33	52.64	-0.06	0.45
FP Pac Basin Acc	205.80	218.90†	-0.62	
FP Income	56.40	60.16	+0.05	4.60
-do- Accum	186.00	198.40	+0.20	4.60
FP Jap Smllr Cos	303.30	323.50	-1.60	
FP Modrtly Dist	71.88	76.71†	-0.28	5.50
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†		6.25
FP Tokyo	80.45	85.81	-0.67	
FP UK Focus	37.26	40.06†	-0.23	2.66
FP UK Growth	180.60	192.50	-0.80	2.76
-do- Accum	354.30	377.90	-1.70	2.76
Stewardship Dist	366.90	390.30	+0.10	1.89
-do- Accum	453.00	481.90	+0.10	1.89
Stwdshp Inc Dist	75.57	80.39	-0.16	3.59
-do- Accum	99.74	106.10	-0.20	3.59
N Am Stshp Dist	109.10	116.00	+0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	116.50	123.50	+0.30	0.90
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	113.30	120.50	-0.10	1
Open Cap Gth Acc	118.30	125.80		0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	109.40	116.30	-0.10	2.28
Cap Gth Inc Acc	113.10	120.30	-0.10	2.28
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	114.30	121.50	-0.10	3.32
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.60	126.10	-0.20	3.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	259.00	273.90	-0.90	2.25
Cash	49.87	50.42	+0.02	5.28
Growth Portfolio	80.41	85.24	-0.37	0.96
Income Portfolio	65.23	68.98	-0.20	4.47
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	210.60	225.20	+1.20	1.51
Dividend	92.32	98.74	-0.65	3.96
Intl Gth & Inc	231.70	247.80	-2.60	2.10
UK & Gen	47.24	50.52†	-0.37	1.73
Fund of Funds	67.47	72.16†	+0.13	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	208.30	222.80	+0.30	
European	617.10	658.40	+1.90	0.29
Far East & Gen	259.00	277.00	-0.40	
Germany	119.90	127.00†	+0.10	
Income Inc	165.60	177.20†	-0.80	4.43
-do- Accum	182.70	195.40	-0.80	4.43
International	344.70	368.70	+0.50	
Intl Income	85.73	90.86	-0.25	3.26
Japan & General	424.80	451.90	-1.40	
Korean Securities	72.22	77.24	+0.34	
Small Cos Div Inc	46.87	50.13	-0.07	4.24
UK Capital Inc	178.90	191.40	-0.50	1.49
UK Capital Acc	315.50	337.50	-0.80	1.49
UK Spec Sits	91.87	96.26†	+0.17	1.32
US & General	162.50	172.30	+0.20	
Wrlde Spec Sits	150.30	160.80	+0.20	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.86	57.66	-0.09	1.93
Cash Trust	140.24	140.24	-0.04	6.18
Practical Inv Inc #	117.27	125.42†	-0.23	2.77
-do- Accum #	270.48	289.28†	-0.53	2.77
UK Index	161.43	162.24†	-0.51	3.04
UK Smaller Cos	142.62	152.53†	-0.24	0.52
Income Funds				
Euro Yield	24.18	25.06	-0.06	8.22
High Income	33.89	36.25	-0.08	5.27
UK Equity Income	146.89	157.10	-0.31	3.11
Global Bond	29.37	30.43†	+0.05	4.90
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.36	47.44	+0.07	
Global Managed	136.67	145.48†	-0.23	1.52
Gold & Intl Res	107.09	114.53	+0.60	
Global Utilities	138.86	148.36	-0.35	1.58
Overseas Funds				
American	168.09	178.97	-0.82	0.99
European	112.58	120.42	-0.95	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	169.57	179.84	+1.40	
Amer Emerging	131.45	140.59	-0.40	
Hong Kong	145.20	155.43	-0.18	1.89
Japan	236.25	250.76	-1.79	
Pacific Growth	215.96	230.97	-0.07	0.10
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	231.56	231.56†	-0.82	2.09
Long Term Bal	251.11	251.11†	-0.43	3.11
Med Term Bal	210.69	210.69†	-0.58	3.27
UK Equity	264.94	264.94	-1.66	2.51
UK Emerging Cos	156.47	156.47	-0.09	1.96
American	270.93	270.93†	-0.37	1.30
Japan	121.54	121.54†	-1.39	
European	296.94	296.94†	+2.20	1.01
Index Linked Gilt	175.60	175.60	-0.62	2.76
Fixed Interest	162.77	162.77	+0.11	6.60
Amer Emerging	318.60	318.60†	-0.79	
Pacific	240.63	240.63	+0.04	0.68
Emerging Mkts	119.72	119.72	-0.44	0.94
Index Stnd Japan	146.80	146.60	-1.71	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	165.65	165.65	-0.67	1.36
-do- Cont Europe	163.83	163.83	-1.18	2.00
Index Stnd USA	157.60	157.60	-0.09	2.01
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	109.13	118.09	-0.41	
Med Term Bal	100.20	106.60	-0.29	
Long Term Bal	112.86	120.06	-0.21	
UK Equity	122.60	130.43	-0.92	
UK Emerging Cos	73.35	78.02	-0.05	
American	125.45	133.45	-0.25	
Japan	58.22	61.94	-0.71	
European	129.44	137.32	+0.98	
Fixed Interest	82.74	88.02	-0.06	
Index Linked Gilt	78.01	82.99	-0.29	
Deposit	82.99	88.29	-0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Brbm Intl	148.73	156.56†	-0.17	0.54
Brcll Cap Port Inc	66.04	69.70†	-1.32	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.44	62.73	-1.09	3.50
-do- Wwde Port	57.04	60.20	+0.22	0.10
Shaw Utilities	66.04	69.70	-0.28	2.57
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	584.07	621.35		2.24
-do- Accum	649.60	691.06		2.24
European Inc	156.40	166.14		1.31
Amalgam Inc	150.42	159.93		
N America Inc	346.20	368.32		0.72
Far East Inc	366.10	329.47		
-do- Accum	379.16	403.37		
UK Dvrd Inc	188.16	200.17		3.20
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	98.06	104.87†	+0.06	4.50
UK Small Cos	55.84	59.71†	-0.11	0.94
British Growth	60.43	64.62	-9.61	2.79
American Gwth	213.34	227.84	+2.57	
Japan Gwth	66.62	71.17	-0.02	
Greater China	184.86	197.70	-0.38	0.41
Pacific Strategy	155.34	166.15	-0.32	0.17
European Gwth	93.49	98.78†	+0.13	0.74
Intl Growth	159.85	170.95	+1.45	
US Index FD	15.5299	16.3633	-0.0902	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	82.37	88.08	-0.39	2.34
Monthly Income	39.98	42.64†	-0.09	6.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0053				
Gad UK Index FD	12.4580	13.1519	-0.1397	4.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.35	101.44		1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	514.00	549.10	+6.80	0.50
Gilt & Fixed	125.90	133.60	-0.30	5.87
Growth Equity	370.80	396.10	-0.90	1.57
Income Trust	143.70	153.50	-0.30	3.23
International	192.20	205.30†	-0.10	0.15
Japan Trust	124.40	132.90	-0.50	
Nth American	307.30	328.30	-0.70	
Pacific	546.30	583.60	-9.60	0.13
Gwth/Dvdd	532.80	569.50	-0.46	1.62
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	103.68	107.59	-0.15	6.32
Global High Inc	100.10	103.31	-0.15	6.48
Corporate Bond	102.30	105.19†	-0.01	6.63
Eqty & Bond Inc	107.24	114.03†	-0.25	4.97
European Growth	110.41	117.40	-0.39	
Intl PEP Trust	53.98	58.03	-0.09	
Equity Inc	129.86	139.09	-0.27	3.71
-do- Accum	182.51	194.05	-0.39	3.71
Recovery	376.90	400.80	-14.60	2.14
-do- Accum	441.50	469.40	-20.30	2.14
St Vinc High Inc	128.54	130.46†	+0.01	6.98
UK Emerg Cos	271.10	289.30	-0.50	1.95
UK Smll Cos	366.00	372.40	-1.60	2.80
Glob Prm Tst	94.92	100.32†	+0.20	0.94
-do- Accum	96.65	102.94	-0.21	0.54
Inc Share Tst	90.20	75.91†	-0.12	6.14
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	29.21	30.63	-0.11	1.91
Growth Acc	29.26	31.02	-0.11	1.91
Income	29.27	31.03	-0.07	3.90
Income Acc	29.59	31.80	-0.07	3.90
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 350				
Mngd Pfolio	216.90	227.80†	-1.00	2.51
Smaller Cos	33.19	36.51	-0.05	1.50
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	332.75	361.20†	-1.42	1.38
Best of British	67.14	71.36	-0.26	2.68
UK Smaller Cos	137.48	142.73	-0.51	1.63
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	291.80	310.75	-1.29	3.62
-do- Accum #	72.37	84.16	-3.29	3.62
High Income	334.30	357.36	-0.75	4.10
Extra Income #	256.56	303.69†	-0.73	5.51
Pref & Bond	47.78	49.37	-0.09	8.50
International				
International	289.37	307.75†	-0.40	0.35
Global Bond	54.49	57.84†	-0.12	6.14
Intl Pfit Tst	89.24	95.44	-0.12	0.37
Global Tech	226.07	241.60	-0.15	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	179.88	192.36	-9.68	0.42
European	519.72	559.02	-3.47	0.63
European Income #	82.40	87.19	-0.36	2.33

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	162.86	174.74	-0.86	0.54
Gnl Sp Sits	77.39	82.62†	-0.12	0.64
-do- Accum	82.90	88.51	-0.12	0.64
Japan Trust	213.75	228.05	-2.02	
Japan Special Sits	210.28	224.36†	-0.27	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	232.00	248.24†	-0.64	0.08
North American	262.84	279.17	-0.05	0.27
American Smaller	130.00	138.97	-1.04	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4356				
British	108.18	113.38	-0.47	1.87
Capital	185.55	194.30	-0.52	1.43
Dollar	416.92	436.57	-0.27	...
Enterprise Gth	367.63	384.96†	-0.80	1.42
European	241.63	253.01	-1.59	0.45
Far East	310.54	325.18	-2.07	
Financial	890.24	932.19†	+6.36	1.79
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.93	26.97		7.00
High Yield	107.50	112.56	-0.46	3.82
Income & Growth	153.96	161.21	-0.77	3.07
International	272.47	285.31	-0.42	
Japanese General	207.59	217.37	-1.74	
Japan Tech	90.58	94.85	-0.36	
Nat Resources	76.46	80.07†	-0.24	
Portfolio	78.42	82.11	-0.18	
Smaller Cos	142.65	149.37†	+0.56	1.29
Special Sits	170.95	179.00†	-0.30	1.16
UK Emerging Cos	103.22	108.08†		0.80
US Smaller Cos	114.92	120.34	+0.12	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	107.20	114.40†		5.88
Consol	642.90	686.10†	-3.10	3.25
Income #	604.30	644.90	-0.30	5.19
Footsie Fund	58.63	58.92	-0.20	2.80
Tbme Index	116.80	124.40†	+1.50	2.01
UK Index	150.10	160.20	-0.50	2.89
International Funds				
American Growth	538.20	572.70	-1.40	0.37
American Index	236.60	251.10	-0.10	1.34
European Growth	120.30	128.30	+0.50	0.16
Eurotrack 100	171.60	182.30	+0.80	1.06
Global Bond	22.17	23.39	+0.02	5.29
Japan Growth	279.20	297.60†	-1.90	...
Japan Index	77.66	82.88	-0.09	0.20
Japan Smll Cos	30.86	32.93	-0.14	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	60.94	64.08	-0.68	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	113.60	121.20		1.51
Spore & Mlysa Gth	76.20	81.32	-0.99	
Tiger Index	203.60	217.30†	+0.50	1.04
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.90	39.40	-0.05	1.06
General Funds				
Managed	78.35	81.44	-0.25	1.15
Repeat Child Fnd	91.72	95.34	-0.53	2.31
UK Growth	64.70	67.26	-0.29	2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.43	86.73	-0.36	6.85
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.35	27.19†	-0.01	8.38
UK Inc & Gwth	43.40	45.11	-0.11	3.46
UK Income	349.10	362.90	-2.30	4.84
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.46	56.48†	-0.12	0.38
Amer Smlr Cos	128.30	133.40	+1.00	
-do- Accum	129.70	134.80	-0.10	
Europe Gth	178.90	185.60	-0.30	
-do- Accum	185.30	192.20	-0.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	33.02	34.32†	+0.03	
French Growth	78.86	81.98	+0.73	0.28
-do- Accum	84.60	87.94	+0.78	0.28
H Kong & China	83.69	87.00	-0.05	1.35
Intl Growth	61.08	63.49	-0.04	0.54
-do- Accum	61.58	64.02	-0.05	0.54
Japan Gth	31.53	32.78	-0.37	
-do- Accum	31.53	32.78	-0.37	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.51	40.05†	-0.04	
Glob Emrg Mkts	95.37	99.14	+0.11	
-do- Accum	96.05	99.84	+0.11	
SE Asia	321.80	334.50	-0.10	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.22	56.93†	+0.12	5.96
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	184.40	196.20	+1.20	
Income	180.78	192.32	+0.98	3.17
UK Growth	68.19	72.53	-0.12	0.48
International	82.14	87.38	-0.21	0.07
Ecology	90.71	96.49†	+0.13	1.11
European	139.17	148.05	-0.26	
Far Eastern	298.10	317.10	-2.10	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.42	100.80	-0.10	7.63
Gilt Yield	114.80	121.20†	+0.20	7.01

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	3.78
High Yield	142.49	151.55†	-0.30	5.90
-do- Accum	449.20	477.90†	-1.13	5.90
Smllr Cos Div	56.23	59.79	-0.02	2.82
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	
Asian Growth	320.50	341.00†	-4.60	0.24
-do- Accum	376.80	400.60†	-5.60	0.24
North American	93.43	96.22	-0.16	0.25
European Special	[illegible]	125.00	-0.20	0.10
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.90	0.46
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	2.22
Japan	407.50	433.50	-5.20	
Japanese Special	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.00	
[illegible] Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.52
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-5.10	1.15
UK Equity Growth	42.47	45.18	-0.08	1.65
UK Index Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	3.75
[illegible] Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.84
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bodye Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.34	3.03
Inc & Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.03	4.42
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.13	1.47
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq 01452 371 500 Dlg 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	1.86
High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	4.40
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	0.55
Recovery Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.25	1.42
European Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.05	0.82
Japanese Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.51	
American Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.05	0.65
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.02	5.12
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 422				
UK Cap	421.42	[illegible]	-2.10	2.40
UK Inc/Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.00	3.05
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	2.73
UK Smll Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.75
Euro Gwth	[illegible]	147.40†	-0.50	
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	0.22
Japan Growth	63.78	[illegible]	-0.59	
Money Mkt	125.756	125.756		1.650
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.19	2.63
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.00	2.63
Equity Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.90	4.48
UK Tracker	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.15
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	1.58
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.35
Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.57
Global Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.57
Intl Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.97
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.71
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.34
UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.12
UK Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.49	3.55
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.37
US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.55
European Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.35	2.14
Japan Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.55
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	0.25
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Intl Currency Bd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SE Asia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Cap Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 353 Dealers: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.74
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.74
Cont Euro Sit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.56
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.50
Extra Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	[illegible]
FTSE 100 Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.42	2.75
FTSE 100 Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.40	2.75
German Sit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Growth Plus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Interest Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
High Interest Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
Hi Reserve Inc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	6.70
Hi Reserve Acc #	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.30	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	556.70	-0.30	3.50
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.50
Income Plus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.53

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	578.60	615.60	-1.00	4.53
Japan Growth	107.91	114.80	-0.20	...
-do- Accum	108.20	115.20	-0.30	
Master Trust	61.18	65.09	-0.16	1.28
-do- Accum	69.50	73.94	-0.18	1.28
N American Gen	209.40	221.80	-0.30	0.85
-do- Accum	241.00	256.40	+0.20	0.85
Nth Am Sm Co Rec	161.30	171.60	+0.20	
-do- Accum	164.60	175.20	+0.30	
Pacific Basin	259.90	276.50	-0.70	0.42
-do- Accum	276.20	293.90	-0.60	0.42
Small Cos Rec	419.70	441.80	+1.10	1.56
-do- Accum	568.50	598.40	+1.60	1.56
UK Growth	92.24	98.13	-0.50	2.22
-do- Accum	113.60	120.90	-0.60	2.22
Worldwide Gth	330.50	351.60	-1.10	...
-do- Accum	487.50	518.70	-1.80	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	75.14	80.53	+0.07	0.30
General	96.46	103.49	-0.20	2.40
Income	68.64	73.64†	-0.06	5.20
International	67.86	72.81	-0.10	0.50
Japan	57.01	61.16	-0.40	
Tst of Inv Tsts	70.71	75.86†	-0.23	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	447.60	473.30	+0.70	0.41
-do- Accum	558.80	590.80	+0.80	0.41
Amer Recovery	508.60	535.90	-2.10	0.41
-do- Accum	582.30	615.70	-2.50	0.41
Amer Smll Cos	140.00	148.10	+0.50	
-do- Accum	143.10	151.30	+0.50	
Australasian	158.30	167.40	-0.50	2.44
-do- Accum	195.40	206.60	-0.60	2.44
Capital	903.50	955.50	-0.10	2.71
-do- Accum	1047.90	1108.20	-0.10	2.71
Charifund	734.00	741.40	-4.70	5.80
-do- Accum	3536.90	3572.30	-19.80	5.80
Commodity	407.70	431.10	+0.80	0.53
-do- Accum	600.40	634.90	+1.10	0.53
Compound Gwth	1036.00	1095.60	-2.00	2.85
-do- Accum	1100.70	1164.10	-2.10	2.85
Dividend	43.60	46.10	-0.40	4.26
-do- Accum	185.90	196.90	-1.30	4.26
Equity Income	355.30	375.70	-2.10	4.74
-do- Accum	471.50	498.60	-2.80	4.74
Euro & General	538.20	569.10	-0.40	1.21
-do- Accum	685.90	725.40	-0.50	1.21
Euro Dividend	73.70	77.90	-0.20	3.93
-do- Accum	90.90	96.00	-0.30	3.93
Extra Yield	436.30	461.40†	-2.20	4.86
-do- Accum	1413.00	1494.40†	-7.30	4.86
Far Eastern	349.80	369.90†	-1.90	0.61
-do- Accum	466.60	493.40†	-2.40	0.61
Fund of Inv Tsts	649.00	686.30	-1.80	1.84
-do- Accum	1224.60	1294.90	-3.00	1.84
General	65.00	68.70	-0.50	3.83
-do- Accum	185.30	196.00	-1.40	3.83
Gilt Income	59.85	59.93	-0.04	7.49
-do- Accum	171.25	171.49	+0.14	7.49
Gold	68.50	72.40	+0.90	0.79
-do- Accum	81.30	85.80	+1.10	0.79
High Income	31.10	32.90	-0.10	4.59
-do- Accum	127.50	135.80	-0.60	4.50
Intl Growth	81.30	86.00	-0.10	0.85
-do- Accum	142.80	151.20	-0.10	0.85
International Inc	101.80	107.70†	-0.50	4.15
-do- Accum	157.40	166.60†	-0.40	4.15
Japan & Gen	40.90	43.30	-0.30	
-do- Accum	42.90	46.50	-0.30	
Japan Smll Cos	144.10	152.40	-0.70	
-do- Accum	145.10	153.50	-0.70	
Managed Cash	25.20	26.60	-0.10	1.78
Managed Income	28.80	30.20†	-0.10	4.18
Midland	64.40	68.10	-0.10	3.04
-do- Accum	217.50	230.10	-0.40	3.04
Pension Ex	1018.20	1041.70	-0.20	4.16
Recovery	45.70	48.30	+0.30	2.52
-do- Accum	76.10	80.40	+0.40	2.52
Second General	74.90	79.20	-0.20	3.55
-do- Accum	196.90	208.30	-0.50	3.55
Smaller Cos	72.00	76.10	...	3.09
-do- Accum	145.20	153.60		3.09
Sterling Hi Inc	24.48	24.58†	-0.02	8.19
Treasury	35.11	35.15†		6.35
Trustee	43.60	46.10	-0.30	4.55
-do- Accum	178.60	188.90	-0.90	4.35
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.86	91.34†	+0.45	1.38
Intl Bond	85.55	88.91	+0.16	5.72
Intl Equity Growth	77.60	82.42	-0.24	0.67
N Amer Growth	112.38	119.55†	-0.19	0.95
Special Sits Growth	23.45	24.94†	-0.08	2.17
UK Growth	404.74	430.57†	-1.77	2.69
-do- Accum	542.85	576.84	-2.38	2.69
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825067				
Balanced Fd #	1408.70	1433.60		3.00
Income #	1018.60	1031.80		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	151.60	155.50		3.90
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	153.40	172.00	-0.17	2.10
-do- Accum	190.10	200.10	-0.17	2.10
UK Sel Pfolio	143.10	150.70	-0.26	2.45
-do- Accum	168.40	177.30	-0.26	2.45
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.34	73.77†		3.67
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4648				
Intl Income	75.80	80.47†	-0.33	4.15
European	93.53	95.04		0.96
Income #	78.82	83.87	-0.35	4.32
Nth American	74.72	79.32	-0.02	0.58
Far East	166.70	175.90	-1.10	0.10
Japan	58.39	61.97	-0.26	
Emerging Mkts	86.29	92.29	+0.23	
Intl Growth	115.70	122.98†	-0.20	0.92
UK Growth	105.90	112.40	-0.20	1.52
UK Smlr Co	51.50	54.67		1.51
Asian Opps Fd	37.11	39.69	-0.19	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	54.33	57.73†	-0.05	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	437.69	465.63†	-0.71	3.81
Global Inc	70.58	75.29†	-0.18	2.72
Brit Leaders	372.60	397.45†	+0.99	2.97
Intl Leaders	206.77	219.97†	+0.08	1.04
PAM Mg Bal Grth	66.64	69.24†	+0.05	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	227.60	241.10	+1.300	
-do- Accum	242.20	257.70	+1.330	...
American Opps	108.50	116.80	+0.200	
-do- Accum	110.90	118.30	+0.200	
British Blue Chip	84.54	89.75†	-0.07	2.68
-do- Accum	107.00	113.60†	-0.10	2.68
Cash	101.10	101.10		6.44
-do- Accum	141.90	141.90		6.44
Emerging Mkts	106.40	114.40	-0.400	0.12
-do- Accum	107.00	115.10	-0.400	0.12
European Growth	264.70	282.30	-9.40	0.16
-do- Accum	287.10	306.20	-0.70	0.16
European Income	85.33	90.63	-0.04	3.17
-do- Accum	118.80	125.86	-0.30	3.17
General	544.50	579.10†	-3.80	2.14
-do- Accum	1086.00	1155.00†	-8.00	2.14
Global Bond	128.40	134.90†	-0.400	5.47
-do- Accum	161.80	170.10†	-0.700	5.47
Gold & General	212.00	228.00	-0.30	0.39
-do- Accum	218.80	235.30	-0.40	0.39
Govt Securities	92.15	95.00	-0.04	5.13
-do- Accum	183.90	189.40	-0.10	6.18
High Yield Bd	99.38	102.60		7.13
-do- Accum	99.38	102.60		7.13
Income	165.80	176.15	-1.00	4.03
-do- Accum	265.20	281.80	-1.50	4.03
Inc Portfolio #	102.60	108.80†	-0.20	4.83
-do- Accum #	107.20	113.70†	-0.30	4.83
Intl Opps	490.30	523.00	-0.90	0.17
-do- Accum	656.80	700.60	-1.30	0.17
Japan	168.30	178.60	-1.30	
-do- Accum	172.80	183.40	-1.20	
New Europe	195.10	208.10	-2.10	0.97
-do- Accum	202.10	214.50	-2.30	0.97
Pacific	112.80	120.30	-0.40	0.65
-do- Accum	121.10	129.20	-0.40	0.65
Recovery	327.50	349.30	-0.70	0.74
-do- Accum	431.30	459.80	-0.80	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	57.67	61.51†	-0.020	0.84
-do- Accum	65.84	70.23†	-0.023	0.94
Portfolio	85.73	90.48†	-0.13	2.95
-do- Accum	112.60	119.80†	-0.20	2.55
Managed Grth	105.90	111.00	-0.20	1.71
Managed Inc	[illegible]	113.90	-0.10	3.35
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plc	124.54	132.97	-0.16	0.18
Portfolio	71.27	75.92	-0.25	1.59
UK Income Inc	82.14	87.38	-0.52	4.38
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	63.20	66.18†	+0.15	2.91
-do- Accum	69.51	71.73†	-0.17	2.91
Britn Tst	93.46	97.86	-0.43	1.94
-do- Accum	109.80	114.70	-0.60	1.94
Extra High Inc	72.54	71.77†	-0.17	6.66
-do- Accum	138.40	144.90†	-0.40	6.68
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.32	62.27	-0.28	2.62
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.56	61.32	-0.28	2.52
Gilt & Fxd Inc	54.60	56.82†	-0.01	7.29
-do- Accum	164.50	171.20†		7.29
High Yield	229.90	240.40	-0.20	5.90
-do- Accum	590.30	618.10	-0.50	5.90
Income	208.80	212.90	-1.30	3.82
-do- Accum	672.00	703.60	-3.10	3.88
Money Market UT	49.60	49.60	+0.01	5.50
-do- Accum	79.59	79.59	+0.01	5.50
Monthly Income	88.26	92.42†	-0.57	4.86
Midland Personal Pension Unit Tsts				
British	114.50	121.80	-0.80	1.64
European Growth	110.20	115.80		0.32
Gilt & Fixed	90.45	95.96	-0.01	6.78
Income	91.39	97.22	-0.46	2.83

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	50.46	53.49	+0.60	...
Managed	74.44	79.19	-0.29	2.22
Money Market	89.65	95.24	+0.01	4.22
North American	99.61	105.60	+0.10	0.42
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	103.90	110.50	-0.80	1.80
European Growth	103.60	109.80	+0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.84	91.07	-0.01	5.77
Income	89.65	95.32	-0.46	2.69
Japan Growth	50.24	53.75	+0.60	...
Managed	71.15	75.60	-0.28	2.20
Money Market	82.92	87.89	+0.01	4.18
North American	90.12	95.53	+0.06	0.51
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.60	110.20	-0.80	1.59
European Growth	101.20	107.20		
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.18	84.09	-0.02	5.88
Income	88.18	93.81	-0.45	2.72
Japan Growth	51.37	54.45	+0.61	...
Managed	73.29	77.97	-0.25	2.22
Money Market	77.32	81.96	+0.01	4.25
North American	100.70	106.78	...	0.50
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.60	15.48	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0133				
American Gwth	407.50	432.50	+0.20	
European Gth Inc	588.40	623.30	+1.80	
-do- Accum	596.70	630.20	+2.00	
Intl Gwth	209.50	223.40	+0.30	
UK Equity Inc	203.40	216.80†	-0.40	2.98
UK Ind Trckr Inc	174.00	186.00	-0.50	2.69
-do- Accum	209.40	223.60	-0.60	2.69
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	234.30	248.10†	+0.50	1.08
Japan Tracker	73.24	77.55	-0.02	...
Asian Tracker	211.30	226.80†	-0.50	0.29
Managed Inc	169.50	181.00	-0.30	2.12
Deposit Inc	99.77	99.77†	-0.29	6.27
Europe	233.90	253.10	-0.40	
Genesis	179.90	192.10	+0.20	1.67
High Income	21.25	22.54†	-0.11	10.08
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	100.50	102.70†	-0.30	2.49
Acumen Inc	93.82	94.99†	-0.29	2.49
Acumen Reserve	87.98	88.86†	-0.05	7.88
-do- Inc	72.11	72.83†	-0.03	7.88
American Growth	175.90	181.18	+0.80	
Cash Income	49.91	49.91†	+0.02	5.97
Equity Income #	99.41	102.80†	-0.30	4.77
European	74.10	76.02†	+0.19	0.49
Smaller Cos	86.14	90.35	+0.51	1.20
W'wide Eqty	68.24	69.87	-0.12	0.43
Global Bond	45.23	45.75	+0.06	6.52
UK Growth	101.90	104.60	-0.30	2.12
Pacific Growth	109.60	114.09	-0.56	0.34
Japan Growth	101.00	102.70	-0.30	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	130.75	139.10	-0.51	2.59
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	78.72	83.74	+0.10	2.16
UK Income	116.17	123.59	+0.64	3.86
Higher Income	220.93	235.03	-0.45	5.21
Smaller Cos	88.24	93.87†	-2.17	1.83
International	102.07	108.59	-0.13	1.58
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	117.30	124.80	+0.80	0.20
European Dist	125.70	133.70	...	
Far East Dist	185.90	197.80	-0.90	
Global Care Dist	78.73	83.75	-0.08	0.60
Ossas Dist	1080.60	1149.60†	-0.30	0.09
-do- Accum	1405.40	1496.20	-0.80	0.09
UK Dist	379.60	403.80	-1.50	2.39
-do- Accum	753.40	801.50	-3.00	2.39
UK Extra Inc Dist	85.27	90.71	-0.30	5.38
Wrlde Dist	111.80	118.90†	-0.50	0.40
Wrldw Inc Dist	75.75	80.59†	-0.10	2.28
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 289 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	68.38	72.17	+0.33	1.11
Fund of Funds Inc	62.72	66.20		2.27
North America Inc	80.13	85.46	+0.21	0.41
UK Equity Grth Inc	63.28	66.84	-0.15	2.57
-do- Accum	66.53	70.22	-0.16	2.57
UK General Inc	61.83	65.26†	-0.15	2.62
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.65	49.13†	+0.11	7.37
UK Income Inc	61.29	64.69	-0.06	3.48
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	41.16	43.79†	+0.28	2.91
-do- Accum	40.84	43.45	+0.28	2.93
Bond	120.44	128.10	+0.59	5.89
Bridge Fund	91.18	97.00		2.20
Cash Income	50.90	50.90	+0.02	5.87
-do- Accum	86.12	86.12	+0.02	5.87
Distributor	97.67	103.90†	-0.18	9.34
European	45.51	48.52	+0.17	5.19
Foundation	101.03	107.48†	-0.02	2.35
General	202.94	215.89	+0.17	1.82
Global	337.47	359.01†	-0.03	0.35
Growth	131.88	140.30†	-1.96	2.59
Higher Income Inc	29.70	31.59†	+0.05	3.95
-do- Accum	34.71	36.92†	+0.05	3.95
Income	247.61	263.41†	-1.03	3.23
Intrepid	128.71	134.87		2.02
Japan	25.49	27.12	-0.31	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.21	54.77	-0.16	2.14
-do- Accum	54.58	58.37	-0.18	2.14
Oriental Inc	145.78	155.09	-0.22	0.23
-do- Accum	150.17	159.76	-0.22	0.22
Pers Intl Gth	31.90	33.93	-0.02	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	34.41	36.80	-0.02	0.82
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	79.78	85.32	+0.07	1.51
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.10	110.20	...	2.32
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	130.14	135.99†	-0.38	1.35
UK Equity	149.37	157.23†	-0.92	3.06
UK Equity Income	141.41	149.65	-0.72	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	128.69	133.35	-0.02	1.59
UK Equity Growth	140.61	148.01†	-0.84	2.16
UK Index Trckg	151.87	159.86†	-0.71	3.42
Intl Index Trckg	154.58	162.72†	-0.32	1.08
International	252.93	266.37	-0.13	0.48
European	216.71	228.12	+0.40	0.28
Pan European	146.84	153.73	+0.07	1.33
Nth American	200.34	210.89	+0.70	0.18
N Amer Smlr Cos	217.73	229.19	+0.56	
Japanese	91.86	96.70	-0.41	
Pacific	234.03	246.35	-0.63	0.58
South East Asian	262.29	276.08†	-0.38	0.63
Intl Bond	138.42	145.71	+0.49	4.46
Gilt & Convertible	105.08	110.53	-0.05	6.32
Property	79.05	83.21	-0.01	8.69
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	262.90	283.10	-0.50	0.17
-do- Accum	278.10	299.60	-0.60	0.17
Japan Inc	102.10	109.69†	-0.70	
Nth American Inc	116.40	124.70	-0.20	0.46
Worldwide Inc	166.70	179.10†	-0.40	0.23
Hong Kong Inc	147.50	158.30	-0.30	1.66
Swiss Equities Inc	82.11	87.73	+1.01	
Wwide Bond Inc	63.74	67.43†	+0.12	5.09
Emrgng Asia Inc	213.60	232.60	-0.80	0.30
-do- Accum	214.40	233.50	-0.80	0.30
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.44	50.44	-0.01	6.35
Thailand Inc	168.90	184.08	-1.10	1.44
Gold Trust Inc	75.86	83.13	+0.71	
New Zealand Inc	97.97	99.92†		2.13
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	65.69	70.57	-0.07	1.66
Latin Am Grwth Inc	58.51	62.95	+0.84	0.36
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	63.93	68.53	-0.23	2.67
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.33	86.61	-1.07	
Global Portfolio	74.28	79.14	+0.19	
Global Opps	67.58	72.28	+0.19	
Marsh Global Grth	65.40	69.35	-0.12	
AMM Global Equity	55.19	58.50	-0.02	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	100.50	107.38	-0.38	
Fenmle Equity Inc	46.25	50.37	-0.14	2.34
Hartley Growth	90.32	96.09	+0.59	
Intl Growth Inc	89.23	95.43†	-0.10	1.11
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.29	94.43	-0.30	
St Jms Mle Inc Inc	47.30	49.23		
Premier Prtmrs Inc	67.45	72.14	-0.02	1.99
Roxburgh Stat Gth	74.70	79.89	+0.01	0.64
Tech Analysis	112.50	119.70†	-0.39	...
Roseburn Growth	52.72	56.31	-0.14	0.87
International Strat	80.95	86.58	+0.34	
UFC Ind-Ac Grth	58.17	62.88	-0.03	
Coventrate Topout	51.73	55.84	-0.08	
Prem Equity Inc	112.00	122.10	-0.40	0.01
Lowes Intl Growth	49.48	52.08	-0.02	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	258.80	275.30	-0.60	2.62
-do- Accum	553.30	588.60	-1.40	2.62
Growth	167.10	175.80	-0.50	2.81
Income	250.90	266.90†	-0.30	3.69
Intl Equity	264.60	281.40†	-0.80	0.77
-do- Accum	294.60	313.30	-0.90	0.77
UK Income	69.99	74.45	-0.30	3.17
UK Intl 25	85.80	91.27	-0.25	2.10
New Europe	86.60	92.13	+0.28	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	626.66	670.23†	-3.91	0.56
-do- Accum	638.32	672.00	-3.93	0.56
Income	393.88	421.27†	-1.03	3.15
Wwide Recovery	409.87	438.37	-2.64	0.49
Amer Growth Inc	344.58	361.59	-3.39	0.01
-do- Accum	344.58	361.59	-3.39	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	252.69	270.46	-2.63	0.13
Far East Gth Inc	289.60	309.74	-0.15	0.35
-do- Accum	289.60	309.74	-0.15	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	162.54	173.84	+0.11	0.22
-do- Accum	162.95	174.28	+0.11	0.22
UK Growth Inc	101.88	108.77	-0.34	2.66
-do- Accum	106.99	114.43	-0.36	2.66
High Income	104.86	112.15	-0.38	3.93
Jap Gwth Inc	208.44	221.98	-0.90	0.01
-do- Accum	208.44	221.98	-0.90	0.01
PEP Growth	138.19	[illegible]	-0.68	0.93
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	129.03	138.01	-0.60	0.32
-do- Accum	129.03	138.01	-0.60	0.32
Amer Smr Co Inc	158.08	169.07	-1.44	0.01
-do- Accum	158.69	169.97	-1.44	0.01
Global Bond	55.74	58.72†	-0.07	5.48
UK Smaller Cos Inc	91.01	97.34	-0.34	1.62
-do- Accum	95.75	102.42	-0.36	1.62
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 281 3957				
American	114.82	122.15	+0.64	
European	80.63	85.14	-0.21	
Global	65.25	69.41	-0.22	
Pacific	59.73	63.61†	-0.44	
UK Inc & Gth	70.14	74.62†	-0.09	2.23
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	176.06	186.31	+0.08	0.64
Emerg Mkts	45.80	48.47	-1.31	1.07
High Income #	52.67	55.74†	-0.14	5.83
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.45	72.55	-0.30	2.71
Growth Income	71.48	75.76	-0.07	2.38
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	153.03	162.80	+0.23	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	102.60	109.20	+0.10	3.69
Cons & Gilt	112.40	119.60	+0.18	6.02
European Income	77.01	81.53	+0.48	2.95
Extra Income	164.70	175.20†	-0.20	3.63
-do- Accum	207.30	220.60	-0.50	3.63
Far East	397.30	422.60	-1.40	0.28
-do- Accum	406.20	432.10	-1.50	0.28
Global Income	26.86	28.58	-0.02	4.12
High Income	128.40	136.60	+1.00	3.21
-do- Accum	155.80	165.80	+1.30	3.21
International	201.70	214.60†	-0.28	0.75
-do- Accum	[illegible]	222.80	-0.30	0.75
Pref & Fxd Int	43.47	46.24	-0.02	7.53
Recovery	77.54	82.49	-0.02	2.09

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	122.20	130.00	-0.10	1.74
-do- Accum	133.10	141.60	-0.10	1.74
Technology	588.60	626.10	+0.30	...
UK Blue Chip	76.97	80.93	-0.39	2.53
-do- Accum	86.82	92.38	-0.39	2.53
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	215.30	229.00	+0.20	1.34
European Gth	108.70	115.60		1.00
Income & Gth #	147.30	156.70†	-0.40	3.16
Japan Gth	114.00	121.30	-0.60	
Nth Amer Gth	172.80	183.80	+0.20	0.09
Overseas Gth	105.00	111.70	-0.20	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4498				
Managed Tst	40.58	42.05	-0.04	1.78
Cash Homes Inc	101.53	102.03	+0.04	5.71
Cash Homes Acc	114.30	114.88	+0.04	5.71
Dist Trust Inc	100.11	103.74†	-2.32	6.45
Dist Trust Acc	106.98	110.67†	-1.04	6.45
Global Growth	95.97	102.09	+0.52	1.47
Equity Inc	88.48	92.08	-0.28	3.19
Equity	792.48	843.06†	-9.82	2.24
European	223.49	237.81	+0.59	0.77
High Income	90.83	96.41†	-0.27	5.02
Intl Gth	199.11	211.81	-0.29	0.90
Intl Sml Co	85.42	90.87†		0.46
Japanese	208.77	216.34†	-1.82	...
Nth Amer	200.67	207.94	+0.59	1.19
Pacific Mkts	117.94	115.89	-0.11	0.28
Premier Inc	47.56	49.50†	-0.71	6.88
Sm Cos	101.43	107.90	-0.03	1.41
Spec Sits	117.78	125.29	+0.57	2.58
UK Growth	134.50	143.08	+0.90	2.16
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	318.60	337.90†	-1.10	3.11
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	595.13	632.77	+0.62	0.31
FA America (Acc)	698.01	740.03	+0.72	0.31
FA UK Equity Inc	189.14	180.21	-1.07	3.43
FA Japan	243.72	258.30	-2.30	
FA Major UK Cos	103.69	110.64	-0.66	2.21
FA Smlr UK Cos	324.94	353.58†	-0.21	1.13
FA European	352.91	375.24	-1.17	0.22
FA Amer Smlr Cos	53.95	57.81	+0.15	0.05
FA Asia	50.15	54.06	-0.15	0.65
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.15	45.06	+0.09	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.49	113.14	-0.68	
UK Smlr Cos	94.86	99.87	-0.05	
UK Income	105.02	110.54	-0.85	
America	119.83	126.13	+0.13	
Japanese	53.78	56.60	-0.57	
European	113.75	119.73	-0.38	
Gilt	92.23	97.08	-0.09	
Deposit	88.41	90.95	+0.04	
Managed	106.67	112.27	-0.39	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.57	110.07	-0.68	
UK Smaller Cos	92.57	97.43	-0.06	
UK Income	102.36	107.74	-0.83	
America	116.51	122.63	+0.12	
Japanese	52.20	55.04	-0.49	
European	110.71	116.53	-0.37	
Gilt	91.04	95.83	-0.10	
Deposit	82.48	86.82	+0.05	
Managed	100.08	105.25	-0.32	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	98.66	103.10†	+0.60	0.18
Pacific Basin	75.48	81.04†	-0.22	
High Inc Dist	143.70	153.90	-0.60	4.24
Ryl Life Intl Carry	58.40	62.92†	-0.17	4.08
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.59	75.45	-0.03	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	66.86	71.14	-0.12	
UK Emerging Cos	136.80	147.80		1.04
UK Index Trckg	181.20	193.00		3.16
European	144.86	155.30	+0.10	
Managed	161.20	173.30	-0.33	0.68
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	163.30	173.70		1.92
European Growth	120.60	128.30†		2.19
Far East Growth	138.90	147.80		2.16
Japan Growth	128.19	137.20		
Special Sits	229.80	239.30†		1.18
UK Growth	86.59	92.11		2.25
Trust General	256.60	273.20†		1.25
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8580				
Far East Inc	162.10	171.50	-0.29	0.36
Gr Euro Prog Inc	352.60	373.10	-2.60	0.23
-do- Accum	546.80	578.90	-4.10	0.23
Growth Inc	143.38	151.66	-0.90	0.35
-do- Accum	146.90	155.40	-0.98	0.35
International Inc	365.20	386.50	-1.96	0.40
-do- Accum	503.40	532.70	-2.88	0.40
Nth Am & Intl Inc	358.29	379.80	+4.40	0.84
UK Gen Prog Inc	239.60	253.50	-1.09	1.08
-do- Accum	269.50	285.20	-1.16	1.08
UK High Inc Inc	140.30	148.50	+0.10	3.66
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	73.60	78.29	+0.10	...
Asian Gwth	114.19	121.37	+0.03	0.75
European Gwth	75.54	80.36	+0.11	1.00
Global Bd	58.79	62.13†	+0.14	5.00
Global Eq	61.58	65.50	-0.13	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	57.01	60.64	-0.06	...
UK Gwth	72.02	76.61	+0.54	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	80.22	85.34	+0.01	3.39
Amer Smllr Cos	134.20	142.80	-0.40	
Asian Smaller Cos	43.02	45.77	-0.40	
Capital Portfolio	134.90	143.50	-0.40	1.80
Cash	129.60	129.60†		5.21
China Dragon	60.67	64.54	-0.12	1.45
Commodity	128.20	136.40	-0.20	0.09
Eastern Discovery	100.50	106.90	-0.30	
Emerging Mkts	38.44	40.89	+0.11	
Energy Inds	130.20	138.50	-1.10	0.15
European Gwth	202.50	215.40	+0.18	0.18
Euro Inc & Gwth #	82.11	87.35		1.53
Euro Smllr Cos	59.46	63.25	-0.04	0.08
Extra Income #	53.51	55.75	-0.15	5.61
Financial Secs	238.70	253.90	-0.40	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.75	50.42†	-0.25	6.92
Gold & Exploration	84.91	90.33	+0.51	...
High Return #	240.59	255.90	-1.20	3.89
High Yield #	240.08	255.30†	-1.20	3.60
Income #	124.10	132.00	-0.60	4.28
Intl Bond	167.00	176.30†		5.61
ITU	220.10	234.18†	-0.80	1.04
Japan Growth	168.29	178.90†	-1.40	
Japan Smaller	170.20	181.10	-0.20	
Korea	69.07	73.48	+0.57	...
Mastertrust	98.36	[illegible]	-0.20	0.79
Scotbits	359.50	382.40	-0.50	1.07
Scotshares #	321.80	342.30	-1.40	2.18
Scotyields #	256.30	272.70†	-1.10	3.24
Select Intl	146.20	155.60†	-0.20	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	257.30	273.70†	+0.59	3.41
SE Asia	52.59	55.95	-0.33	0.04
Special Situation	140.50	149.50	-0.50	1.93
UK Equity #	268.30	285.40	-1.40	2.44
UK Growth	71.97	76.56	-0.25	1.83
UK & O'seas	178.70	190.10	-0.90	1.13
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	53.48	56.89		2.32
US Growth	174.70	185.80	+0.60	0.14
Univ Growth	145.40	154.70	-0.20	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	286.30	304.03	-3.84	0.86
-do- Accum	313.50	332.92	-4.21	0.86
European Gwth	80.88	85.89	+0.65	0.65
Euro Smllr Cos	88.46	94.17	+0.11	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	101.66	108.43	-0.36	
-do- Accum	103.59	110.39	-0.37	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.29	53.04†	+0.09	7.86
Global Bond #	51.79	53.51	+0.14	7.02
-do- Accum #	58.25	60.19	+0.18	7.82
Global Emr Mkts	52.55	56.05†	+0.30	
-do- Accum	52.60	56.18†	+0.30	
Income #	372.23	397.84†	+2.43	5.03
-do- Accum #	812.10	872.91†	+7.91	5.03
Japan Smllr Cos	435.65	464.69	-2.89	
-do- Accum	438.52	465.61	-2.71	
Japan Enterprise	68.75	73.33†	-0.43	
Pacific Gwth	138.37	147.59	-0.23	0.36
-do- Accum	142.84	152.35	-0.24	0.38
Portfolio	88.39	92.14	-0.20	1.05
-do- Accum	94.45	100.75	-0.21	1.95
Seoul	51.66	56.30	+0.05	
-do- Accum	51.66	56.30	+0.05	
Smaller Cos	245.21	261.55	+0.13	1.25
Tokyo	119.80	127.78†	-1.70	
-do- Accum	121.91	129.08†	-1.70	
UK Enterprise	295.48	315.17	+0.79	2.01
-do- Accum	357.07	380.86	+0.97	2.01
UK Equity	265.72	283.43	+0.20	2.78
-do- Accum	523.31	558.20	+0.40	2.76
US Smllr Cos	193.48	206.37	-1.86	
-do- Accum	55.55	57.85	-0.45	0.51
Institutional Funds				
European	255.90	268.25	+0.85	1.39
-do- Accum	286.29	297.86	+0.95	1.39
Euro Smll Cos	31.27	32.57	+0.07	1.44
-do- Accum	33.23	34.61	+0.07	1.44
Global Equity Inc	83.44	86.91	-0.24	1.62
Japan Smll Cos	35.80	37.29	-0.04	0.19
-do- Accum	36.11	37.61	-0.04	0.19
Mngd Balanced	205.45	214.01	+0.09	2.91
-do- Accum	234.57	244.34	+0.10	2.91
Overseas Equity	202.24	210.66	-0.29	1.06
-do- Accum	210.10	218.65	-0.31	1.06
Ossas Smll Cos	129.67	135.07†	-0.11	0.93
-do- Accum	135.94	141.60†	-0.11	0.93
Pacific	257.29	268.01	-0.54	1.42
-do- Accum	284.42	296.28	-0.56	1.42
Recovery	228.27	222.11	-3.65	2.97
-do- Accum	221.79	222.89	-4.73	2.97
UK Index	170.37	177.48	-0.82	3.36
-do- Accum	210.31	219.07	-0.46	3.36
UK Small Cos	123.76	128.49†	-0.15	2.96
-do- Accum	133.84	139.42†	+0.15	2.96
US Smll Cos	54.54	56.81	-0.45	0.51
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.67	57.81	-0.33	3.26
Equity Tst	68.09	72.00	-0.28	2.98
Equity Strategy	81.07	85.73	-0.06	1.14
European Opps	95.44	100.93	-0.20	0.66
UK Smaller Cos	72.06	76.20	+0.41	1.22
Mastercap Inc	98.47	101.44	+0.05	6.79
Japanese	76.23	80.61	-0.55	
Asia Pacific	127.20	134.51	+0.11	3.15
American	116.95	123.67	-0.10	0.88
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.87	31.87	+0.02	6.235
UK General Inc	56.36	60.13	-0.38	2.84
-do- Accum	74.10	79.02	-0.52	2.84
Intl Income	276.00	294.40†	-0.20	4.59
-do- Accum	481.10	513.10†	-0.80	1.59
European	86.21	91.39	-0.29	1.70
Japan	66.60	70.60	-0.41	0.14
American	78.93	83.60	+0.14	2.01
Far East	87.59	93.43	+0.19	1.17
Ethical Inc	33.76	35.52	-0.05	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	37.65	39.96	-0.26	2.61
High Inc Inc	38.50	41.07	-0.05	3.64
UK Global Inc	45.45	48.43	-0.15	1.76
Warrant Tst	73.97	79.65†	+0.18	1.32
Europe 2000 Tsd	57.23	60.99	+0.12	1.45
Technology	132.00	140.56†	-0.20	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	424.80	453.30	-2.70	2.77
American	299.80	319.00	-0.58	0.62
Pacific	391.40	416.60	-2.40	0.49
European	588.50	629.40	+3.50	1.40
Worldwide	93.54	99.92	-0.18	0.66
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	296.30	315.30	-0.40	2.28
-do- Accum	376.90	400.10	-0.50	2.28
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	228.20	242.80	+0.30	1.78
-do- Accum	277.10	294.80	+0.40	1.78
Select Global Inc	77.59	82.99	-0.05	1.97
Income Plus Inc	77.22	82.15†	+0.90	3.83
European Inc	[illegible]	200.40	+0.80	1.17
-do- Accum	418.00	444.70	+1.00	1.17
Far Eastern Inc	177.70	189.10		0.83
-do- Accum	208.98	217.69†	-0.48	0.83
Japanese Inc	62.50	[illegible]	-0.53	...
Nth American Inc	271.40	288.80†	+0.50	0.64
-do- Accum	300.10	319.30†	-0.50	0.64

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	212.70	226.30	-0.40	0.62
Wrlde Venture Inc	84.34	89.73†	-0.36	1.26
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	397.90	424.30	-1.60	2.52
-do- Accum	597.60	637.40	-2.50	2.52
UK High Inc	192.80	205.60	-0.70	3.48
-do- Accum	289.00	308.20	-1.00	3.48
Europe Inc	427.30	455.70	-0.30	0.39
[illegible]	253.30	270.10		
Nth Amer Inc	235.00	250.60	-0.60	0.22
Global Inc	253.10	269.90	-0.70	0.22
Global Acc	110.60	118.00	...	1.33
UK Spec Sits Inc	230.10	245.40	-0.90	0.31
South East Asia	101.50	101.50		5.88
Cash Trust Inc	114.00	121.50	+0.10	2.02
UK Smlr Cos Inc	117.90	125.80	+0.20	2.02
-do- Accum	94.87	100.70	+0.10	5.85
Intl Bond Inc				
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
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Sector Recovery	148.10	156.60	-0.40	4.26
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010	138.80	146.10	-0.30	0.94
European	123.10	129.60	+0.40	
Nth American	126.00	133.80		6.86
Intl Bond & Cndy	209.30	225.00		2.00
Pooled Pension (S)	92.11	95.50	+0.46	1.18
Smaller Cos	147.50	155.30	-0.80	1.95
UK General	97.09	102.20†	-0.60	
Far Eastern				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6220				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	117.28	†	+0.14	...
Asian ‡	64.67	†	-0.03	...
European ‡	137.84	†	+0.95	0.29
Global Bond ‡	92.01	†	-0.81	8.58
Investment Trust ‡	104.93	†	-0.28	2.04
Preferred Income ‡	99.76	†	-0.12	6.01
Samurai ‡	53.99	†	-0.13	
Sterling Reserve ‡	89.97	†	+0.01	6.88
UK Growth ‡	107.45	†	-0.61	2.31
Tai Pan ‡	100.51	†	+0.04	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	103.71	†	-0.20	2.86
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.10	†	-0.70	5.88
Glob Gwth PEP	69.52	73.95	-0.38	
Pref Inc PEP #	98.06	103.90	-0.40	5.08
Inv Tsts PEP	51.31	54.58	-0.24	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	376.40	398.30	+0.90	...
Canadian	69.43	73.47	-0.13	0.90
Capital	133.80	143.30	+0.10	1.39
Cash	108.27	108.27†	+0.01	6.08
European	146.30	154.80	-1.10	0.81
Far Eastern	157.50	166.70	+0.10	
Growth	147.70	156.30		1.97
Income	135.70	143.60†	-0.30	4.95
Magnum	143.90	154.10		1.49
Smlr Secs	441.00	465.70†	+1.10	0.90
Thoroughbred	165.90	178.90†	+0.10	1.25
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Comtd Primera	54.42	58.20†	-0.08	8.10
Ethical	66.19	71.17†	+0.08	2.30
European Growth	75.74	80.57	+0.57	3.18
Income	57.53	61.96	-0.20	5.70
Intl Growth	101.70	108.40	+0.30	3.10
Managed	86.26	92.01	-0.02	3.80
UK Growth	68.48	73.63†	-0.19	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	43.16	43.38	-0.10	1.86
Global Advtg Acc	46.56	46.80	-0.10	1.86
Income Advtg Inc	33.80	33.97†	-0.18	3.41
Income Advtg Acc	38.10	38.32	-0.20	3.41
UK Equity Gth Acc	80.83	85.47	-0.18	0.75
Premier Inc Inc	47.93	50.45	-0.10	7.50
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Managed Acc	56.29	59.67	-0.20	1.46
UK Eq HI Inc Inc	38.54	40.86†	-0.26	3.86
UK Eq HI Inc Acc	49.35	52.32	-0.20	3.86
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.37	73.71	-0.30	2.19
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.64	53.81†	-0.30	2.10
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.62	32.39†		6.21
Ossas Eqy Co Acc	332.80	366.50	+1.08	1.73
Nth American Acc	51.92	55.17		0.17
Far East Acc	71.31	75.77	+0.20	0.43
European Acc	55.71	59.20	-0.20	0.92
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.117	4.395		1.98
US Eqty (US$)	2.904	3.081		1.10
Far East Eqty (yen)	247.80	264.20		
Japan Eqty (yen)	216.80	228.00		
FT Europe	138.50	147.20		1.38
FT N Amer (US$)	2.191	2.322		0.40
FT Japan (yen)	213.70	226.86		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.597	2.791		0.80
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	427.40	453.50	+0.10	...
British #	1147.90	1214.50†	-0.40	3.11
Emrging Mkts	136.40	145.80	+0.70	0.45
European	575.40	612.80†	+0.90	0.52
Japan	140.20	149.00	-0.60	...
New Pacific	392.20	420.30	+1.90	1.50
-do- Accum	418.10	446.30	+2.00	1.50
Inv Trust Acc	276.10	292.80	-1.20	0.90
Mngd Equity	185.76	198.50	-0.10	1.84
Mngd Cash	95.49	95.49	+0.03	6.03
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	922.60	969.70	-3.00	2.76
North America	150.50	161.06	+0.80	0.01
Far East	152.80	163.50	-0.50	0.34
Wwide Bond	58.83	62.43†	+0.15	5.14
European	110.60	118.50†	+0.39	1.61
Equity Income #	98.36	105.29	-0.42	5.58
Portfolio	94.34	100.90	-0.10	2.18
UK Leading Cos	67.63	72.16	-0.24	3.06
Broker Trusts				
Intel Equity	78.41	75.35	+0.12	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amanda UT	22.59	24.04†	+0.01	0.74
European	41.67	44.34†	+0.20	0.56
High Income	34.09	36.18†		4.26
Japan	35.36	37.64†	-0.41	0.01
Managed Assets	133.55	142.84	-0.63	2.54
North American	37.25	39.63†	-0.08	0.70
Smlr Co's Inc	32.28	34.35	-0.02	2.43
Smll Co's Acc	34.81	36.82†	-0.09	2.43
UK Growth Inc	80.46	84.35	-0.40	2.71
UK Growth Acc	66.45	70.70†	-0.44	2.71
UK Income	43.71	46.75	-0.25	3.45
Worldwide Gth	37.58	40.18	-0.15	0.86
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	81.77	86.69†	+0.25	2.04
European Exempt	87.70	90.42†	+0.41	1.88
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Discretionary	53.18	56.57†	+0.10	
Cap Protector Inc	42.52	45.23†	-0.08	2.60
UK Income Inc	54.68	58.17	+0.06	3.21
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.16	36.30†	+0.22	5.08
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.96	89.34†	-0.27	4.43
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.97	85.07	-0.25	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	36.84	39.19†	-0.08	1.70
Pacific Bsn Port	48.83	51.95	-0.03	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 784				
American	250.53	265.11	+0.31	...
-do- Accum	275.95	292.81	+0.34	...
Brit Growth	105.94	112.11†	-0.65	2.64
-do- Accum	129.84	137.39†	-0.68	2.04
European	110.95	117.40	+0.78	
-do- Accum	118.68	124.66	+0.83	
Extra Income	200.57	212.60†	-0.84	4.13
-do- Accum	354.01	374.61†	-1.46	4.13
Smaller Cos	79.56	84.19†	+0.16	1.21
-do- Accum	90.43	95.69†	+0.19	1.21
General	317.42	335.89	-1.76	2.21
-do- Accum	665.01	703.72	-3.69	2.21
Premier Income	50.41	52.51	-0.04	7.03
-do- Accum	118.25	123.18	-0.08	7.03
Income	354.30	374.93	-1.28	3.85
-do- Accum	790.81	836.83	-2.87	3.85
Pacific	415.10	439.26	-1.88	
-do- Accum	436.18	461.56	-1.97	
International	578.51	612.18	-0.88	
-do- Accum	761.20	805.50	-0.92	
Nat Resources	168.15	178.82†	+0.38	
Sktl Opps	129.96	138.02†	-0.31	1.56
-do- Accum	156.46	165.56†	-0.40	1.56
Environmental Inv	68.58	72.57	-0.77	1.38
Selector	68.27	72.24	-0.18	1.58
-do- Accum	77.87	82.30	-0.20	1.58
High Income	67.29	71.18	-0.34	4.80
-do- Accum	87.61	92.71	-0.43	4.80
Intl Income	80.74	84.27†		5.15
-do- Accum	77.78	82.30†		5.15
Selector Income	64.42	68.17	-0.19	4.25
-do- Accum	77.14	81.63	-0.23	4.25
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0161 667 1018				
British	362.95	382.06†	-0.51	2.82
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	220.07	235.36	+0.52	2.17
Glob Balncd Inc	183.15	195.88†	+0.60	3.56
Value Tst Inc	132.65	141.87	+0.18	2.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Eq	42.79	44.52	+0.13	7.28
European Growth	288.24	301.62	+1.08	0.80
Exempt	584.18	610.13†	+0.83	2.70
Global Em Mkts	81.33	85.16†	-0.61	0.40
Japan Tst	81.42	85.25	-0.48	
Little Dragons	82.01	86.34	-0.18	
Nth Amer Gwth	257.00	269.19	-0.45	0.50
Oriental Income #	45.72	47.87†	-0.11	2.80
Preference	125.22	131.11†	+0.07	8.00
Tiger	283.41	298.76	-1.07	
UK Blue Chip	68.48	71.70	-0.18	1.88
UK Growth	565.69	592.53†	+0.49	2.10
UK High Yield #	108.13	113.22†	-0.47	4.40
UK Mid-Cap	274.40	287.32†	-0.46	2.20
UK Smllr Cos	112.63	117.93	+1.36	1.00
UK Smllr Cos Div #	89.56	93.70	+0.02	5.20
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	104.87	111.56	-0.12	4.57
UK Equity Growth	93.27	99.22†	-0.14	2.59
European	71.86	76.26†	+0.53	1.46
Nth American	76.92	84.08	+0.09	0.59
Far Eastern	72.04	76.84	-0.61	1.28
Money	68.38	68.88	+0.02	5.88
Fixed Interest	74.84	79.62	+0.01	5.64
Index Linked Gilt	68.62	73.00	-0.24	1.37
VIRGIN DIRECT PPS LTD				
0345 959595				
UK Index Tracking (S)	116.82	116.82†	-0.53	2.81
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australian Gold	25.15	26.47	-0.30	
Pacific Basin	46.04	48.45	-0.88	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9089	0.9487	-0.0006	
Penny Share	43.42	45.75	+0.12	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	97.53	102.10	-0.10	
Short Dtd Gilt	118.20	119.80	-0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7604	0.7703	+0.0001	
Gilt Income	50.67	52.87†	-0.09	7.87
Gilt Growth	72.96	75.82	-0.15	
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mngd	50.93	54.16	-0.13	1.75
UK Sharemarket	87.58	93.18	-0.08	2.41

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; (S) Exit Charge.

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Richard Cork on a Paris show that defines Cézanne's genius and strips away his mask

A mastery of mind and matter

Cézanne's achievement broods over 20th-century art with the unassailable grandeur of Mont Sainte-Victoire, the mass of craggy Provençal rock dominating so many of his finest landscapes. Although he died in 1906, the course of modern Western painting has been profoundly affected by his tenacious legacy. Cézanne's name took on a holy ring, as if he alone possessed the key to pictorial truth. The image of a stern law-giver threatened to become oppressive, giving him a reputation for coldness and Olympian detachment.

Now, at last, Paris has provided us with the chance to see Cézanne afresh. In the first full retrospective to have been organised for decades, he is revealed as an artist utterly unlike the deity of legend. The show begins on a pious note, admittedly: in *Homage to Cézanne*, painted in 1900, Maurice Denis shows a cluster of young artists, including Bonnard and Vuillard, gazing, like spellbound disciples, at one of the Master's paintings. But one glance at Cézanne's early work in the room beyond is enough to shatter the myth.

> 'His work gains much of its vitality from openly declared tensions'

The truth is that the young Cézanne was a turbulent and wildly uneven artist, powered by fiery emotions and a violent way with paint. His 1866 study of a *Skull and Candle* is thick with clotted pigment, piled on to the canvas by a man who wields his palette-knife like a weapon. Preoccupied even at this stage with mortality, he was even more in thrall to visions of rape and murder. Women are usually seen as victims in these dark, barbaric scenes. One female figure, almost hidden in a thunderous nocturnal landscape, howls as she is stabbed by a man whose face is obscured by his remorseless, upraised arm. Another woman, naked this time and blanched with terror, is carried off into equally gloomy countryside by her sun-bronzed captor.

These paintings are the work of an out-and-out romantic, prey to fantasies of orgies at a sumptuous Venetian feast. His headlong handling shows how powerfully he was impelled to rebel against well-mannered art. There is nothing refined about the way in which he heaps paint on to the furrowed surface of his full-length portrait of Achille Emperaire. The frail, huddled sitter almost seems buried in layers of murky pigment, but Emperaire emerges from the churned background with his dignity enhanced.

By the time Cézanne finished this ambitious effigy, though, he wanted to change. He had already succeeded, the previous year, in producing an impressive picture of a woman playing the *Tannhäuser* overture with complete placidity. Neither she nor her even more serene companion, who sews on a nearby settee, betrays any sign of overwhelming Wagnerian uplift. Only the curling patterns in the wallpaper behind them seem agitated, and ready to take flight. The rest of this tautly organised, radically flattened image is reined in by a man determined now to control his blazing emotions.

The task was far from easy. Although Cézanne commenced the 1870s with an admirably controlled little study of trees at his Aix-en-Provence family home, he could not suppress his volcanic imaginings for long. In front of nature, whether scrutinising the pink and blue rooftops of Auvers or a basket of delectable apples in the studio, he was able to discipline his unruly feelings and contain them within a more classical structure. But once he broke away from observation of the world, and began playing with themes as arousing as *A Modern Olympia*, all the old tempestuousness returned. A heavily bearded man, who bears an inescapable resemblance to the artist himself, stares up at a naked odalisque with undisguised hunger. The reference to Manet's *Olympia* is clear enough, signifying Cézanne's involvement with the painters who embraced the Impressionist cause. All the same, the bearded voyeur's devouring gaze is very far removed from Manet's coolness. Cézanne still could not prevent himself from painting women with predatory fervour, and in *The Eternal Feminine* he gave vent to his most untrammelled feelings about the fair-haired, centrally placed nude lounging on an elaborate bed. Men jostle around her, all transfixed by the woman's body. A bishop is detectable in the mêlée, and trumpets are blown as the tousled artist swings away from his easel to lean greedily in her direction.

Unlike the earlier fantasy pictures, though, *The Eternal Feminine* eschews thick paint. Cézanne also shapes the tent-like sheet above her into a pyramid as firm as the Mont Sainte-Victoire. His brushmarks are more orderly, too, with an emphasis on diagonal, hatched strokes rather than the former impetuosity. Cézanne was deliberately curbing his youthful fire — or rather, subsuming it within a more systematic and coherent language.

Even so, Cézanne never pretended that he had arrived at a definitive resolution of his conflicting impulses. His work always shows signs of struggle, and gains much of its vitality from openly declared tensions. If he had not been powered by such ardent emotions, his increasing emphasis on order may have led his art towards cerebral dryness. But the principal excitement of this superb exhibition lies in his perpetual and wonderfully fruitful tussle between romantic ardour and classical control. However hard he tried to arrive at an art of overwhelming finality, Cézanne's sensitivity to the slightest shifts in perception never let him lapse into smugness or grandiloquence. The great sequence of Mont Sainte-Victoire canvases are among the most imposing works he produced. But as we see him striving for an elevated monumentality, above all worthy of his hero Poussin, the different versions also testify to his continually altering responses.

That is why he returned to the same set of subjects. Cézanne may in later years have led a quiet, almost monastic life, shut away in a home town far removed from the metropolis. But as he turned his attention from landscapes and still-lives to portraits and back again, the recluse of Aix found himself engaged in a momentous voyage of exploration. Acknowledging at every turn that he had not yet succeeded in attaining his goal, Cézanne nevertheless managed to produce a prodigious number of superlative paintings.



Cézanne's *Peasant in a Blue Blouse* "draws his hardiness from the sustaining light of Provence"

The *Peasant in a Blue Blouse* is constructed with as much flinty strength as the earlier painting of rocks at L'Estaque. But he is portrayed sympathetically as well, by an artist who believed that his local countrymen deserved to be celebrated with understanding and affection. The peasant seems rooted in the same sunbeaten earth as the great pine he painted so often in the 1890s. Both subjects, the man and the tree, draw their hardiness from the sustaining light of Provence.

So did Cézanne, even when he felt his bodily stamina faltering. Far from easing off, the old man embarked instead on the most ambitious compositions of his career. Two of the triumvirate of large bathers canvases have been lent to Paris, and they bring this magnificent show to an overwhelming conclusion. In one respect, the *Grandes Baigneuses* compositions mark a return to the early period. Cézanne reawakens his fantasies about naked women, and the distortions he inflicts on their bodies are astonishingly brusque. But there is no trace now of rape or murderous intent. The beefy nudes ranged across the front of the National Gallery's vision are intact, unthreatened and confident in their own solidity.

Compared with the later and more titanic version from Philadelphia, however, the London picture looks curiously laboured. Worked on and worried over from 1894 to 1905, it lacks the vivacity of the American canvas. Executed in his final year, and possibly unfinished, the Philadelphia painting is a marvel. Cézanne defines the women with far more swift, summarising assurance, leaving generous areas of untouched white canvas to shine through crisply. As a result, the whole picture is quickened with a rush of light and air. However substantial this congregation of bathers may be, their bulk is alleviated by the deftness of Cézanne's brushmarks.

The gathering exuberance reaches its apotheosis in the sky, where trees are allowed to stretch far higher than in the early version. They form an immense arch above the nudes, investing the scene with the awesomeness of a Gothic cathedral. At once protective and straining to be free, they exemplify Cézanne's own desire to rest securely in the earth even as he soars as high as his imagination can aspire.

● *Cézanne at the Grand Palais, Paris (00331 44131717) until Jan 7*

Russians save the day

OPERA: The Kirov's *Prince Igor* climbs to new heights, but *Roméo et Juliette* lacks lustre

Two events of outstanding interest framed the weekend's music in London: Sunday night brought John Eliot Gardiner conducting Berlioz's *Roméo et Juliette* and Friday, what will doubtless remain one of the highlights of the year, the Kirov Opera's semi-staged gala performance of **Prince Igor**.

As a packed Royal Albert Hall suggested, the Kirov's visits have become red-letter occasions, and in its magnificence this one surpassed even previous appearances. Bringing more than 200 singers and players to London to stage Borodin's sprawling masterpiece on a small raked platform as a "one-off" presented the organisers, the Friends of the Kirov Opera, with a catalogue of logistical nightmares, but such enterprise repays itself: both the St Petersburg company, to which the proceeds go, and London's operagoers, starved of Russian fare this season, will have benefited considerably.

Indeed, with the Royal Opera's planned revival of Borodin's opera now apparently off, memory of this *Igor* may have to serve for some time. No company is better qualified than the Kirov, either historically — *Igor* was premiered in St Petersburg's Maryinsky Theatre in 1890 — or in terms of its current vocal strength, to perform the work. Nor is there a conductor better able than the Kirov's chief, Valery Gergiev, to capture the noble quality of the four-hour performance with such consistency. He drew playing of warm, expressive freedom.

Although the music supplies nearly all of the drama in *Igor*, the producer Alexey Stepaniuk was resourceful in bringing the series of epic scenes to life in the Albert Hall. Four dancers provided much of the movement, costumes were effective, and Vladimir Lukasevich's lighting imaginative. Without the dramatic tension that can compensate in some operas for merely efficient singing, *Igor* requires magnificent singing to succeed — and that is what it got here.

Galina Gorchakova, the Kirov's prima donna, was more heartrending than ever as Yaroslavna. Her top notes have never sounded with such lustrous accuracy, and after her recent vocal trouble it was reassuring to hear her maintain her tone through to the final act, where she delivered the Lament in magnificent, arching lines.

It was a treat to encounter Larissa Diadkova's coppery contralto as Konchakovna: she brought more amorous allure to her Cavatina than Olga Borodina displays on the Kirov's recent recording. One moment's faltering apart, Vladimir Galuzin was a splendid Vladimir.

Lower down the vocal range, Mikhail Kit (Igor), Sergey Alexashkin (Galitsky) and Bulat Minzhilkiev (Konchak) were all solid, but less exciting than their colleagues. The smaller roles showed customary depth of Kirov casting, with a notable debut from the fresh, soprano Elmira Magomedova, a graduate this year from the St Petersburg Conservatory. The excellent chorus was on its usual, disciplined form.

Though Borodin's opera can succeed without full dramatic trappings, Berlioz's "Symphonie dramatique" is so operatic in its musical drama that it seldom fails to evoke scenes in the mind's ear. But on Sunday at Drury Lane, Gardiner and his Orchestre Révolutionaire et Romantique only intermittently brought **Roméo et Juliette** to vivid life:



John Eliot Gardiner: something missing

the sense of discovery they almost always communicate was missing from a performance which at times sounded simply like an exercise in playing the score on period instruments.

At least the arrangement of the musicians in tiers, precisely as Berlioz specified, brought some revelations. Harps were out in front of the orchestra, and, for the Queen Mab Scherzo, the antique cymbals too — their brittleness, combined with fluttering strings, made the scherzo seem more than ever like fairies' music.

Soloists (Catherine Robbin, Jean-Paul Fouchécourt, Gilles Cachemaille: all fine but too light for this music) and chorus were also placed at the front. The Monteverdi Choir sang splendidly, not least in the dark foreboding of the Second Prologue, a movement cut by the composer in 1846 and restored here — beautifully orchestrated by Oliver Knussen — for the first time.

JOHN ALLISON

AROUND THE PARIS GALLERIES: OTHER RECOMMENDED EXHIBITIONS

SINCE so many of Cézanne's drawings are copies of paintings and sculptures in the Louvre, it is a pleasure to visit the museum and see the work he admired by Michelangelo, Puget, Rubens and Benedetto da Maiano in the original.

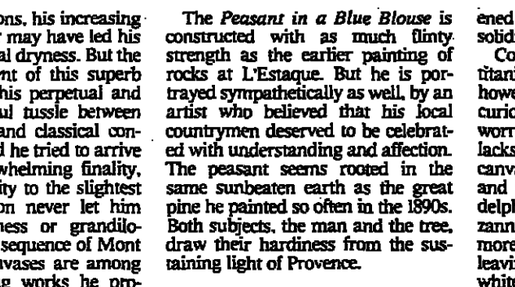
The Louvre is also staging a substantial exhibition devoted to **Charles-Louis Clérisseau**. Almost all the work produced by this indefatigable French architect and landscape painter is now in Russia. So this survey, lent by the Hermitage in St Petersburg, is something of a homecoming.

Shortly after winning the Prix de Rome for architecture in 1749, he was commissioned by Adam to produce drawings of the palace of Diocletian at Spalatro. Later, Clérisseau was employed by Catherine the Great to execute views of the antique monuments in the South of France. The Louvre exhibition is filled with deftly executed drawings and watercolours of classical views. In 1771, Adam invited Clérisseau to London, where he exhibited with considerable success at the Royal Academy. Then he spent some time in Russia; but the deftness of his response to antique buildings is, in the end, quintessentially French.

The Louvre has also mounted a beguiling survey of **Precious Stones from the Ancient Orient**, concentrating on the jewellery produced by some of the earliest recorded civilisations. Starting with the Sumerians, this elegantly installed show combines information and aesthetic pleasure in equal measure. We are told a great deal about the materials employed in these objects, and how they were fashioned. But we are also allowed to see the jewels themselves in the most favourable light.

Clérisseau and Precious Stones continue at the Louvre (00331 40205050) until Dec 18.

RICHARD CORK



Some of the precious stones from the ancient Orient which are on show at the Louvre until December

☐ The Grande Halle de la Villette, a huge glass and cast iron structure of the kind in which one might expect to encounter, say, a motor show, is hardly anybody's idea of a gallery. But then **Il etait une fois la fête Foraine... is** hardly anybody's idea of a gallery exhibition. Dedicated to fairground arts between 1850 and 1950, it has its quota of the ghoulish and bizarre: the principal side show reconstructed is the Museum Spitzer, one of those Victorian wax museums full of Siamese twins, and gruesome reconstructions of the effects of drink and venery on the human body. There are also functioning roundabouts and big wheels, and an early cinema tent. But the heart of the show is the selection of fairground carvings: roundabout animals, Aunt Sallies and side show façades.

Grande Halle de la Villette, 211 Avenue Jean Jaures (40 03 75 03) until Jan 14

☐ The Musée de la Vie Romantique is one of Paris's more charming small, tucked-away museums: formerly the home and studio of the early 19th-century painter Ary Scheffer, it specialises in shows of art from this period. At the moment the subject is David's pupil **Georges Rouget** (1783-1869), an important official painter from the first Napoleon. No one would maintain that he was a great artist, and a number of his salon pictures on religious and mythological themes are decidedly saccharine. But the show is fascinating in the way it exposes the mechanics of official patronage.

Just down the road is an absorbing related exhibition on **L'Exposition de 1846 du 'Bazar Bonne Nouvelle'**. This was the first outing of the newly formed association des Artistes, primarily a charitable foundation for needy artists, which was founded by Baron Taylor, great art patron of the period. This show celebrates the association's 150th anniversary, and is distinguished by some wonderful Ingres drawings and paintings by less familiar artists like Scheffer.

Musée de la Vie Romantique, 16 rue Chaptal (48 74 95 38) until Dec 17

Association des Artistes, 1 rue la La Bruyere (48 74 85 24) until Oct 28

☐ Around 1909-10 the composer Arnold Schoenberg went through a crisis in his emotional and musical development. At this period of emotional see-sawing, he took up painting with great passion, and executed a long series of self-portraits and portraits of relations and friends like Alban Berg. This outburst of creative activity in an alien art-form is chronicled in the exhibition **Arnold Schoenberg: Regards** at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris. It evokes a dark and haunted world, but not without its ecstasies and even a whimsical sense of humour.

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In Sudan it is believed that evil spirits can enter the body or mind and cause pain. Musical instruments such as this are used in *zar* ceremonies, in which the spirits are exorcised through the musician's skills. The wooden arms and crossbars of this example are coiled with beads, from which hundreds of cowries and coins hang to produce a jangling effect when the instrument is moved. A few of the coins here are British in origin: one is a halfpenny from 1861 with the head of Queen Victoria.



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Six more strings to his MO

Why has top crime writer Walter Mosley got the blues?

Giles Coren reports



PETER TRIEVNOR

"There are a lot of things you can do with a crime novel, socially and politically, because of the way you come at your audience," Walter Mosley says



Walter Mosley's first four novels have made him one of the most famous crime writers in America. He is Bill Clinton's favourite author and a bestseller in 18 countries. Yet his first novel, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, was published only in 1990, when he was 38.

Now Mosley stands at a crossroads, his career about to take off in a number of new directions. *Devil in a Blue Dress* has been made into a film starring Denzel Washington (it was released in America in August), and a new "straight" novel about the blues, *RL's Dream*, is published on Thursday.

His corps of mystery fans need not break into a sweat, however: he has no plans to abandon the genre. He has just finished *Little Yellow Dog*, his fifth tale featuring black detective Easy Rawlins.

Despite the crime writing tag, Mosley's first four novels were always something more than that and Rawlins, their narrator and hero, is by no means a black Phillip Marlowe. He is just a man who wants to lead a quiet, respectable, middle-class life, but finds himself constantly drawn into the murder and meanness of South Central Los Angeles. The first book was set in 1948, and each subsequent novel picks up Rawlins's story a few years after the end of the previous one, allowing him to change, marry, have children and observe the upheavals in post-war black America at a leisurely pace.

"There are a lot of things you can do with a crime novel, socially and politically, because of the way you come at your audience," Mosley says. "People read mysteries who aren't at all concerned with black people in South Central LA. But they'll read a good story."

Mosley has indeed done more than just offer a black context to the familiar post-war Los Angeles crime novel. "I didn't even know I was writing a mystery until I was half way through *Devil in a Blue Dress*," he says. "I was working as a computer programmer and I just wrote a few sentences. I had read enough books to know that they were good sentences. So I carried on writing."

Now, at the very moment Rawlins makes his screen debut, Mosley has tried his first novel away from the mystery genre. "It wasn't planned like this, but the timing has turned out to be perfect," he says. "I didn't want to become the servant of Easy Rawlins. I really like him, but I don't think of myself as a crime writer. I would like to be known, simply, as a writer."

RL's Dream tells the story of Soupbone Wise, an old guitarist who once played with the legendary Robert "RL" Johnson, who died in mysterious circumstances in 1938.

"It has a lot in common with my stories about Easy," Mosley says. "I haven't travelled so far. Both are about the life, the fate, the hopes and aspirations of a black man who is heroic in some ways, but flawed. They are both about experiences in black parts of America that haven't been talked about much in literature. They are about language, black language, and the books are carried along by those rhythms.

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"When I first decided to write about Robert Johnson, I thought I might do it as a mystery. But that would have trivialised him. When you get taken up so much with plot you can't get as deep into psychology. Plus, of course, I only had one book to get it all down. We will keep on learning about Easy for ever."

Easy's perspective on racism, for example, is one that develops in response to changing events. In *RL's Dream*, the situation is different. "Race plays a part," Mosley says, "but it is not very clear how. Everybody is racist, and nobody is racist. In the Easy books these issues are clearer, the story carries more of the complexity.

"Now, in this book, the story is simple. An old man is kicked out of his apartment, and no one cares about him because he is an old man. He could have been an old white man, it wouldn't have made a difference. He is old and he is dying and now he wants to recapture the life he abandoned, and play the music one more time. None of this has to do with race. He is sick. He gets a little better, he tells some stories, he has a little effect on a couple of people's lives, and then he dies. He does it with a little dignity, and it is better than it might have been."

And will the President like it? "I don't know. He definitely has a copy. In a way it might tie in with his point of view. There are old people here who can't get medical care, and young working women who can't afford electricity in their homes and have to live by candle-light. In a country like America that's terrible. But it's true.

"The blues is a state of being. It was oppression for black people in the Mississippi Delta in the 1930s right up to the 1960s. In the 1990s it is a different sort of oppression. When white people saw Rodney King being beaten up by white policemen on television they thought, 'That's terrible', thinking it was an unusual event. Black people saw it and said, 'This is our whole history, this is what happened to us every day, in every city, for three centuries.

"When black Americans celebrated O.J. Simpson's acquittal, they were not celebrating the murder of two white people, which is how some commentators saw it. They genuinely believed he was innocent. And, for once, a black man had got the justice that always seemed reserved for whites. The blues is still out there. It's just different."

● *RL's Dream is published by Serpent's Tail (£9.99)*

CONCERTS

Spirituality is child's play

Let's Begin Again
Norwich Cathedral

FROM *The Whale* in 1968, recorded for the Beatles' Apple label, to *The Protecting Veil* in 1992, nominated (together with U2) for the Mercury Music Prize, John Tavener has known the acclaim of the crowd. But in his devotion to the spiritual realm, he aspires to a higher pleasure and a more elevated audience.

Let's Begin Again, which was given its world premiere as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival, has elements of both. Using the Britten Sinfonia and the choirs of Norwich Cathedral and Trinity College, Cambridge, Tavener creates a familiar mix of drones, chants and ecstatic choruses. On a simple stage, local children mime the action, as if performing a grand end-of-term play.

The piece is based on the story of the ascension of Mary the Mother of God, as recounted in the Apocryphal Gospel of St John. Mary is magically transported between Jerusalem and Bethlehem, where she is visited by the Apostles, and threatened by soldiers. She makes a miraculous escape from the intruders, before ascending to join her son.

The whole piece has a strong flavour of Byzantium. Mary's prayers, sung by Patricia Rozario, have the eerie wail of the eastern chant. The voice of God repeats in mantra-like soundbites the saga of Mary's spiritual quest. And the cast of children evoke the images of Byzantine icons.

There are some fine moments: rousing ones when timpani, bells and choirs combine, and more sombre ones when the Apostles take their leave, scattering petals over Mary's body to the sound of a repeated "farewell".

Tavener's notes talk of flames of fire and of the Apostles flying in on wires, but in Lucy Bailey's production these theatrical extravagances give way to a more schematic approach. But this reduces the tension between the piece's dramatic and its musical ambitions.

Let's Begin Again balances precariously between its devotionalism and its populism. But its earnestness is threatened by the more relaxed pleasures of a children's play.

JOHN STREET

Bending the ear

Philharmonia/ Bianchi
Barbican

ONE of violinist Luigi Alberto Bianchi's claims to fame is the rediscovery of the original manuscript of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, hidden in Cracow since the Second World War. The programme note did not vouchsafe from which manuscript he intended to play; and such was the perversity of his performance that it was difficult to tell variation from vagary.

Were there, perhaps, some unfamiliar descending figures just before the end of the development of the first movement? Some new cadential twists and turns as Andante shifted to Finale? Melody was so vainly distorted, pitch so compromised by Bianchi's playing that it was at times difficult to tell. This conductorless performance could have been the chance for some dynamic ensemble work; but all too little time had been spent on matters of textural balance, and the vast wheeling gestures of Bianchi's right hand, in his free moments, was scant inspiration to his colleagues. The Philharmonia, not surprisingly, looked alternately amused and bemused at their fate.

Mendelssohn had been preceded by another of Bianchi's scholarly contributions: the London premiere of Sinfonia in D by Alessandro Rolla, an Italian composer about whom Bianchi has written a book. After a valiant performance of Britten's folksong suite, *A Time There Was*, the Philharmonia girded its loins for Schubert. For one ghastly moment, I wondered if Bianchi had attempted to "finish" the Symphony No 8. But no: mercifully only two movements took place, accompanied by some barely-concealed merriment in the long-suffering orchestral ranks.

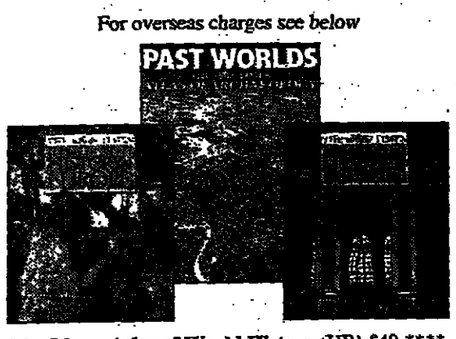
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Garish icing on the Disney cake

Disney's animated-film musical, *Aladdin*. Thus the film serves as advertisement for the live show, and vice versa.

Soon there will be no area of human endeavour into which the mighty mouse has not stuck his paw. Already we have Disney films, stage musicals, television channels, theme parks and shops stuffed full of kiddie-dazzling Disney merchandise. Disney is said to be preparing a bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games. It cannot be long before it takes over the running of a small country.

In the meantime, 25 European cities have been selected to receive this Disney ice show, which plays for three weeks at Wembley before moving on to enthral the toddling classes of Birmingham, Sheffield, Aberdeen and Manchester. It won't surprise those who study the corporate structure of present-day mass entertainment to learn that **Walt Disney's World on Ice** is in fact an ice-show version of

That is the formula which has conquered the globe, and it clearly works here. Was I the only person in Wembley Arena who didn't already know, cherish and pipe out Sir Tim Rice's majestic lyrics for *Whole New World*, as Aladdin and Princess Jasmine swept over our heads on their magic carpet? So it seemed. And most of those around me (admittedly, nearly all under the age of 14) even knew the dialogue off by heart, and joined in the best bits. Like:

Baddies, chasing Aladdin: "Look out, he's got a sword." Chief Baddie, and entire audience: "Idiots! We've all got swords!"

But perhaps that snatch of merry banter gives a false impression of the evening. Its producer, Kenneth Feld — the impresario who now owns Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey — has certainly brought across the razzmatazz of a big American circus. But his show is spectacularly bereft of humour, either verbal or slapstick. You can find more irony on a bus ticket than on the ice at Wembley. Nor is it a night of great skating, notwithstanding the odd cartwheel from the athletic Aladdin of Armen Saakian.

It is, however, clinically organised family entertainment, built on the twin pillars of lavish production values (costumes and sets are splendidly glittery, even if the shocking purples and yellows would make Armani wince) and an exuberant, noisy wholesomeness. There is an amazing skating elephant (how did the men inside keep it upright?); and a horrible 40ft monster that spurts fire and dry ice; and (for the dads) the usual kick-line of leggy lovelies in feathers and not much else. Those who abhor anything to which the adjective "cute" could be applied should definitely stay away. Millions won't.

RICHARD MORRISON

Spokesman for the common people

POP

Pulp
UEA, Norwich

AFTER over a decade in the pop wilderness, Pulp are now being showered with fame's confetti, *John Street writes*. A headlining appearance at the Glastonbury Festival has been accompanied by Top Ten hits, second place in the 1994 Mercury Music Prize, and even tabloid newspaper outrage over their current song, *Sorted for E's and Wizz*.

Lead singer Jarvis Cocker has featured in fashion photo spreads, introduced *Top of the Pops* and delivered *bons mots* on breakfast television and quiz shows.

But for all the obvious features of their fame, they still retain a quirky, anachronistic charm. On the conventionally famous, fans bestow flowers and knickers; for Pulp, they throw ties.

Pulp exist in a time warp, caught between the past and the present. They dress as if inhabiting some lost photograph album in which youthful fashions are cruelly exposed — the dodgy dress sense that once seemed supremely cool. Russell Senior, violinist and guitarist, is in white jeans and wraparound sunglasses; Cocker sports dark slacks and a striped shirt with plain collar and cuffs (from the fashion house of Alex "Hurricane" Higgins).

His performance consists of a series of poses, exaggerated twists, extended arms and fingers. Against an op-art array of circles, he creates those silhouettes that once inhabited the credits of *The Avengers* or Bond films. In his more languid moments, his style resembles the long forgotten Dave Berry, while his voice echoes the melodramatic desperation of David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust.

None of this, though, quite explained the extraordinary exhilaration of Pulp's stage show. Certainly, Cocker is a captivating figure, made all the more endearing by his louche manner and droll asides; and it is easy to overlook the rest of the band, as they stand around him, giving away nothing. Yet they are crucial to Pulp's success as they slip easily from a passionate climax to a lilting ska beat.

The key, in the end, is the songs. Many of the best — *Babies*, *Do You Remember the First Time*, *Common People* — have a slightly despairing melancholy to them. Pulp have an unerring eye for the mundane circumstances of desire, in their references to Sheffield's Stanhope Road, to "cushions and TV and tables set for tea", to "the woodchip on the wall".

The melancholia is, however, resolutely refused by choruses that defy the gloom. When the stagelights turn fully on the audience, it is obvious that everyone is happily remembering the first time ("I can't remember a worse time") gleefully celebrating their previously private embarrassment and revelling in their once secret obsessions.

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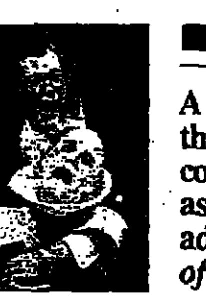


■ CHOICE 2

WNO takes to the road with Tim Albery's bold staging of *Nabucco*

VENUE: Tonight at the Bristol Hippodrome

THE TIMES ARTS



■ THEATRE 1

A masterpiece of the German cinema comes to the stage as Barry Simner adapts *The Cabinet of Doktor Caligari*



■ THEATRE 2

Matthew Bentley doesn't seem to know what he wants to say in his revenge play, *Blue on Blue*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DANCE UMBRELLA: London's annual contemporary Dance Festival opens today, presenting five weeks of performances by 28 companies, *groups or soloists in eight different venues*. This week includes two double bills of notable solo dancers at ICA, each matching an American visitor against a British resident: Dana Reitz with Russell Maliphant (today and tomorrow), and Steve Paxton with Wayne McGregor (Friday, Saturday). Elizabeth's Streb's New York daredevils, Ringside, make their British debut this weekend. **Information Line.** (0181-741 5881).

EDDIE IZZARD: The quirky comedian returns to the West End for another season of surreal musings on life. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Previews tonight and Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm Ⓢ

BRITTEN SONGS Sarah Walker takes her place in the line-up for the Wigmore's star-studded series. Tonight's recital programme is works by Britten and Schumann, with pianist Malcolm Martineau. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 8pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BRADFORD: The National Theatre takes its production of **Wild Oats** on the road. Anton Lesser is Rover, the touring actor whose talk is a patchwork of the *roles he has played in a highly* enjoyable revival of John O'Keefe's *1791 farce. Jeremy Sams directs.* **Alhambra**, Morley Street (01274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

BRISTOL: Welsh National Opera also embarks on an autumn tour today, opening with Verdi's *Nabucco*. Tim Albery's new reading is bold and up-to-the minute, and there's equally upfront singing from Jonathan Summers, Janice Cairns, Willard White and, of course, the famous WNO chorus. Howard Davies's breath-taking version of Mozart's *Idomeneo* can be seen tomorrow, with Sir Charles Mackerras in the pit and Anthony Rolfe Johnson in the title role, while the company's elegant *Madame Butterfly* rounds out the week. A real wow of a season. **Hippodrome**, St Augustine's Parade (0117-929 9444). *Nabucco* Tonight and Fri; *Idomeneo*, Wed and *Butterfly*, Thurs and Sat, all at 7.15pm Ⓢ

BELFAST: The spirit of Christmas arrives early, as **Northern Ballet Theatre** add its dazzling *A Christmas Carol into the season's repertoire this* week. Original score by Carl Davis and award-winning designs by Lez Brotherston. **Grand Opera House**, Great Victoria Street (01232-241919). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

SOUTHAMPTON: Opening night for **Blithe Spirit**, Noel Coward's comedy of seances, ghosts, and the chaos of one husband with two wives in the same house. A co-production with the Wolsey, Ipswich. **Nuffield**, University Road (01703 671771). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Nov 4, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) .. **British Museum**: Hellenistic World: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) **Royal Festival Hall**. Magnum Cinema, photos from 50 years of movie-making (0171-960 4242) **National Gallery**: Myths and Fables. Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo (0171-747 2885) .. **National Portrait Gallery**: BP Portrait Award, final week (0171-306 0055) .. **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . **Serpentine**: Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . **Tate**: Sketching the Sky: Turner watercolours (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: Designs for Georgian Architecture (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel**. Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **DEAD FUNNY** The sexual secrets of the *Dead Funny Society*. Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans. **Savoy**, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm. Ⓢ

□ **FUNNY MONEY**: Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase *and finds himself richer by £735,000 in* used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Ⓢ

◩ **GASLIGHT** As plans stand at present, this is the closest Keith Baxter's production will come to London. Jane How plays the terrified wife and Frank Finlay the detective searching for the cause. **Richmond**, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

■ **THE GLASS MENAGERIE**: Fine performances by Zoë Wanamaker, Claire Skinner, Ben Chaplin and Mark Dexter in Tennessee Williams's elegiac play of false hopes and shattered *dreams*. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm Ⓢ

□ **THE HOTHOUSE**: Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie, John Shrapnel and Pinter himself in his long-buried play in which the staff of a mental hospital scheme for dominance. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◩ **PEER GYNT**: *Tremendous* performance by Alex Jennings in an illuminating production by John Barton. Haydn Gwynne plays mother and sweetheart. **Young Vic**, *The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363)*. Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm Ⓢ

□ **RED PRINCESS**: The story of Brezhnev's daughter Galina, whose love for the circus was obsessive and caused numerous scandals. Jonathan Holloway directs Nicholas McInerny's play for Red Shift. **Warehouse**, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tonight, 8.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 5pm. Final week.

◩ **THE STEWARD OF CHRISTENDOM** Sebastian Barry's fine and moving memory-play. Donald McCann outstanding as the ex-chief of *Dublin's police in the last years of British* rule. Possibly the best play of 1995. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

◩ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith returns, this time with Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond, in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood. *Anthony Page directs.* **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◩ **VOLPONE**: Michael Gambon subtle and fascinating in the title role, ably supported by Simon Russell Beale as his wily sidekick. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) □ **Dead Guilty**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . ◩ **Dealer's Choice**: *Vaudeville (0171-836 9987)* . ◩ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) .. □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Albery (0171-369 1730) ◩ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-*416 6003)* ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ◩ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. *Reasonable action thriller*, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas, Julianne Moore. Richard Donner directs. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** *(01426 914501)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart and Rosana Pastor. **Chelsea** *(0171-351 3742)* **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

MY FAMILY (14): Handsome but shallow saga of a Mexican family in Los Angeles, with Jimmy Smits and Esai Morales. Director, Gregory Nava. **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. Director, *Irwin Winkler*. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

POCAHONTAS (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin and The Lion King*. *With the voices of* Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard. **Odeon Leicester Sq** (01426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon *mission of 1970. Splendid* images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris, director, Ron Howard. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** *(0171-352 5096)* **Fulham Rd** *(0171-370 2636)* **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep. **MGMs: Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

COLD FEVER (15): A Japanese visitor journeys across Iceland: wonderful, droll film from director Fridrik Thór *Fridriksson, packed with stunning* images. **Everyman** Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy. **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

FUNNY BONES (15): Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-ambitious film from *Hear My Song* director Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron. **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING** (PG): Sandra Bullock poses as the fiancée of a comatose hunk. Agreeable vehicle for a refreshing new star. With Bill Pullman and Peter Gallagher. Director, *Jon Turteltaub*. **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE YOUNG POISONER'S HANDBOOK (15): Assured but nasty black comedy about a schoolboy poisoner from the London suburbs. A *first feature by Benjamin Ross*. **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Ct Rd** (0171-636 6148)

Echoes in a chamber of horrors

The Cabinet of Doktor Caligari
Nottingham Playhouse

DONALD COOPER



Cabinet minister: Matthew Kelly plays the sinister Doktor Caligari in the new Nottingham Playhouse production

Only a brave man would set out to stage a version of this masterpiece of the German cinema. Once seen, never forgotten. Tubby Werner Krauss, sly and sinister, *skuttling through the jagged streets;* Conrad Veidt feeling *his way along the painted* walls, or carrying Lil Dagover across precipitous rooftops. Rightly or not, its nightmare world of fairground and asylum has become the quintessence of Expressionism.

Barry Simner's text follows the screenplay in most particulars, but goes further by ending with Caligari still villainous, shutting the deranged hero into his cabinet where he will become the next victim. Robert Wiene's 1919 film turned Caligari into the be*nign director of the asylum* instead of the murderous hypnotist the authors (Hans Janowitz and Carl Meyer) had created and who would appear on the world stage a few years later, wearing a little *moustache and a slick of black* hair across his forehead.

The dialogue is often a load of old hokum, a condition that can't be avoided with the stilted language of the film-titles as inspiration, let alone *the wild ferocity of the story.* Ken Lee's design sensibly avoids any direct resemblance to the eerie look of the film. It's in colour for one thing, and on a lurid red sky the long, oval *clouds look like a flotilla of* zeppelins homing in on the village fair. The vertical view of a bedroom in which a character is pierced with swords — like a knife-throwing act gone fearfully wrong — *generates the proper frisson of* artistic horror.

Matthew Kelly's Caligari is tall and quite sinister at times but I missed the untidy grubbiness of Krauss along with *the malevolence that seemed* to seep from him.

The flight of Cesare, Caligari's haunted sommambulist, passes for nothing, a serious opportunity lost in Martin Duncan's production. *But John Ramm's perfor*mance as Cesare is something special. Bald, clothed in black but with white cuffs and something between a ruff and a baby's bib round his neck, he *puts you in mind of a puritan* elder kept in a state of suspended animation. The anguish Ramm projects, in movement and voice, lifts the character into the condition of tragic protagonist.

The accompanying music is also fascinating, played on the electric violin (Peter Salem) and the "chromasone", an extraordinary instrument invented by Walter Fabeck. It is *a tilting keyboard of chrome* and Perspex over which Fabeck waves black-gloved hands. The gloves emit ultra-sound which the keyboard *turns into sighs, squeaks,* scrunching noises and fragments of *tunes. Sinister.*

JEREMY KINGSTON

Revenge is slow

Blue on Blue
Old Red Lion

Early on in Matthew Bentley's revenge play we learn that its title is a military euphemism for death from friendly fire, *Jeremy Kingston writes.* Jock, a panicky young lieutenant newly *out of Sandhurst, is holed up in some* building on the outskirts of Port Stanley where his grim-faced sergeant, Brian, adds to his woes by telling him of this hazard.

But not till after the interval, ten years later and safely back in Pinner, do we see that friendly fire can be inflicted just as easily in the leafy avenues of a London suburb.

Perhaps *easily* isn't entirely the right adverb to describe the months, not to say years, of forward planning required before the traps — there are *three of them — spring shut.* A husband must be cuckolded, with video evidence provided; one tyre of a luxury car slashed: a drug dealer murdered: advances made to a slinky-legged model — and all so that one character can be avenged for the loss of a *partner who married another.*

At first it is a war drama, with unfortunate echoes of the public-school hero-worship of *Journey's End.* Next it is a baldly written Guy Fawkes party *scene where the characters have the* habit of unsubtly airing their opinions.

After this we have the kernel of the plot, provoked, I'm sorry to say, by the Truth Game; and after a death we swerve into black comedy. When Bentley is opening up the kernel his *play becomes intriguing, even if never* exactly credible. But the mechanics of the thing have improved; there are none of the contrived exits that make the previous scene so stagey, with characters abruptly leaving the room for a piss or a pizza, to fetch *champagne, or to take six minutes* finding cigarettes in another room, just so that the two women can swap useful information undisturbed.

The performances wander in and out of conviction, dependent on the competence of the writing. I never felt Anna *Skye's brash wife cohered as a charac*ter, and Onyx, the model, is ridiculously simple. As for the two former soldiers, for too much of the play John Duval's Jock has to look prim, grim and guilty, while Michael Brogan must be rough, coarse and roam round the *furniture as though* eels were *in his* underpants.

Damien Thomas's direction does nothing to disguise the feeble exits but, to his great credit, the cake-knife emerges from its victim's belly with blood on the blade. You don't have to be a *Pulp Fiction* fan to appreciate this rare touch of gory realism.

Tyne after time

The Nest of Spices
Newcastle

We are being driven in a blacked-out bus to an unknown destination. On arrival, I catch a momentary blast of dark rainy wind. Do not read on if you want to preserve the live *surprise of this extraordinary site*-specific event about Tyneside, the *history that haunts it and its future,* grim or glowing.

Suddenly we are in a long black room lined with doors. A telephone, in a recess laid with turf, rings. The voice *says we should open the doors. This* promenade piece, pioneered by Tyneside's Training and Enterprise Council, joining forces with Northern Stage, is aimed at the region's young people. The adult busload with whom I have arrived is palpably excited.

*The ominous transportation (accom*panied by footage of a train journey) and this cranky funereal passageway have oddly inspired a party spirit. The mood, co-created by director Richard Gregory and designer Simon Banham, cleverly reflects the project's concerns. *The title alludes to the nest of spices* fanned by the phoenix, burnt to ashes then reborn. The piece is about the death of a whole culture: its coalmines and shipyards closed down; its older generation bereft of work; *its youth* resorting to crime. But it also looks to rekindling, to new energies.

So, those doors. Behind them are cupboards, strange installations, bleak, evocative, *quizzical*: tweed jackets, plastic-wrapped and smelling of *mothballs; an empty fish tank; a brick* wall; black amplifiers breathing to the beat of rave music.

Down a still-narrower darker corridor and the space opens into a huge industrial hangar. High on the steel stairs, a man stands hunched in a *donkey jacket. He is our guide and* narrator, remembering his childhood, seeing his father whose miner's lungs can no longer conjure music from his brass trumpet. The narrator (Walter James) finally meets a child watering beds of earth in a bare but green-turfed *park fenced by bright bars of light.* He places the trumpet in her hands.

Not everything works. Jeff Young's poetic script, between a liturgy and a telegram, cloys. There are sentimental flashes. But Banham's visions are often electric and poignant.

We are on a gangplank looking across a sea of coal out of which white roses grow. From the distance, ragged, ghostly figures come trudging towards us. They curl up on the coal like souls *sleeping in a churchyard, then rise up* and wave slowly as we move on.

KATE BASSETT

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Shoddy firms and a cranky complaints system ruin clients, says **Gary Slapper**

PAUL SANDERS



In nine years Mel Simons, a builder, has gone through three firms of lawyers and £30,000 in legal fees to recover a £4,500 debt from a customer

A woeful performance

About 600 complaints a week have been landing on the desks of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau (SCB) this year. This level of dissatisfaction is quite alarming, especially as complaints can go to the SCB only if the complaints procedure at the firm in question has been exhausted.

Last week another blow was delivered to the reputation of solicitors by the Consumers' Association report, *Rough Justice*, published in its *Which?* magazine. The report evoked a furious response from the Law Society, which attacked its methodology, and also from the Northampton firm Shoosmiths & Harrison, which issued a libel writ. Based on undercover research on 80 firms by investigators posing as clients, it alleged that solicitors often make potentially costly mistakes, and give shoddy and inappropriate advice.

It is now estimated that one in three of the civil cases coming to the appeal courts involve "litigants in person" — people litigating without a lawyer. Going it alone in the higher courts is usually dictated by lack of means, but it can also result from sheer desperation with the sometimes farcical incompetence of some lawyers. For many victims of lawyers' shoddy work, the problems are exacerbated by the ponderous way in which complaints are dealt with by the officially designated bodies, the SCB and the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal.

The Law Society is now considering how to improve the current system of dealing with complaints against lawyers. It was recently suggested that the SCB should be replaced by a semi-independent agency chaired by a distinguished lay person. The National Consumer Council, whose damning report on the system prompted the Law Society to rethink its complaints procedure, opposed the idea of any system which was run wholly or partly by lawyers. It contends that the best form of complaints office would be one entirely independent of the Law Society.

This debate has been intensified by a proposal by Martin Mears, the Law Society president, that the SCB should be abolished and all complaints that could not be dealt with by the solicitors in question should be handled by a department of the Law Society called the Client Care Unit.

> Desperation with the farcical incompetence of some lawyers means people act for themselves

At present, many of the worst cases do not even go to the SCB. Mel Simons's case is one. In 1987 Mr Simons, a Staffordshire builder, did a house restoration for a client. The client did not pay the final £4,500 bill, so Mr Simons hired a lawyer to sue for the money. Three firms of lawyers and nine years later, Mr Simons has now paid £30,000 in legal fees and has still failed to gain anything from the customer. The last person Mr Simons wants to see adjudicate any complaint he may make is another lawyer.

As many of the 20,000 annual complaints and queries take years for the SCB to process, the option of this procedure is not regarded favourably by frustrated clients such as Mr Simons. The first firm of lawyers used by Mr Simons took two years over a fairly simple case. They failed properly to instruct experts on behalf of their client, and when the case was consequently lost, even the County Court judge commented upon the woeful performance by those Mr Simons had paid well to represent his interests.

Spurred on by the judge's comments, Mr Simons telephoned the Law Society to ask for the name of a firm competent to sue other lawyers. The firm recommended turned out to be worse than the one from which he wanted compensation. The second firm prepared a file, and then all went quiet. The case against the first firm was lost because the lawyer forgot about it, and failed to appear in court on the listed day. Mr Simons only realised that he had lost again when bailiffs arrived to collect for the firm he had sued.

The second errant lawyer immediately admitted his fault but said that his insurers would pay only if he was sued. Thus the by now desperate Mr Simons had to go to yet another firm of lawyers. His third firm, after another two years on the case, has just recommended that he settle the case on terms which would leave him in no better position than he would have been in had he not gone to that firm.

Mr Simons is now looking for an experienced litigator to assist him *pro bono*, but, despite the Lord Chief Justice's recent exhortation to lawyers — echoed last week by Tony Blair — to work more without charge, he has not been lucky.

The prospect of using the notoriously dilatory Solicitors Complaints Bureau is unattractive. Even if his complaint were upheld, compensation from that body is limited to £1,000. Appeal to the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, and thence to the Legal Services Ombudsman, would add further years to the saga and, even if successful, could result in unenforceable "recommendations" that compensation be paid to the aggrieved client.

The Bar is beginning to review its own complaints procedures before Parliament does so. Last year, the Bar Standards Review proposed an independent complaints bureau with powers to award compensation against barristers found guilty of carrying out shoddy work. The bureau, details of which are still to be approved by the Bar Council, will probably be set up by the end of 1996. It will have powers to fine barristers up to £2,000 and to order them to repay a client's fees. Members of the Bar Council would be expected to fund the bureau's annual £160,000 costs with an average increase in fees of about £20.

Various reports by consumer associations have recently attacked aspects of the delivery of legal services. One, by Dr Neville Harris of the University of Liverpool, surveyed 60 firms of solicitors and 301 clients. Dr Harris found that 40 per cent of privately paying clients were not told how much they would probably have to pay. One in four of the firms did not operate the internal complaints procedure required by the Law Society, and only one firm in ten said that it actively sought feedback from clients.

Mr Simons now has insufficient funds to pay any more "£500 on account" requests, yet he is, under the Lord Chancellor's new legal aid criteria, ineligible for any state help.

Calls to the SCB alleging dishonesty increased by 300 per cent between 1992 and 1994. In any event, Mr Simons and hundreds of people like him will be more than ever inclined to believe the cynical old adage that, in a legal quarrel, whoever loses, the lawyers always win.

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Law reporting enters a new era

This month, the semi-official Law Reports celebrate 130 years of valuable service to the legal community. The next decade is likely to see considerable changes in the means by which court judgments are reported to lawyers.

The task of the law reporter has never been easy, struggling to hear, and then make coherent, the utterances of a demanding judiciary. In 1704, Chief Justice Holt complained that the inadequacy of certain law reports "will make us appear to posterity for a parcel of blockheads". In a Court of Appeal judgment in 1953, Lord Justice Denning commented on the defective law reporting at the end of the 18th century by Mr Espinasse, of whom "it is said that he only heard half of what went on and reported the other half".

Standards of law reporting dramatically improved after 1865, when the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting began to publish the Law Reports. Today, lawyers have no cause to doubt the accuracy of reports of judgments. But, despite the growth of specialist law reports, indispensable for the serious practitioner, two main problems remain in modern law reporting: lack of comprehensive coverage, and delays in publication.



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In an 1891 decision, an Irish judge stated that "nothing can be more in point than the *Killiney Foreshore* case", with no more detail in the law report than an unhelpful footnote explaining that the case was unreported. Some important modern decisions remain unreported. In 1992, the House of Lords dismissed a judicial review challenge to the Independent Television Commission's allocation of a Channel 3 licence. The judgment includes important statements of legal principle but the editors of the Law Reports, the All England Law Reports and other series have declined to print its contents. So increasingly faint photocopies are handed to opposing counsel and to judges, like samizdat versions of works of Pasternak or Solzhenitsyn in the Soviet Union of the 1960s.

There are considerable delays in the reporting of important judgments. Although most House of Lords decisions now appear in print within a month of being handed down, significant decisions of the Court of Appeal and the High Court are often reported (if at all) several months after delivery. The excellent summary Law Reports published in *The Times* (and some other newspapers and journals) inform lawyers about the decision in leading cases within days of the judgment being delivered in court, but only a small proportion of cases can be covered.

In a legal system based on precedent, law reporting matters. An impressive new venture has attempted to rectify some of the defects in the scope, and the timing, of law reporting. New Law Publishing, in association with Oxford University Press, is now providing a service by which subscribers receive, by fax or by e-mail, a detailed digest of notable decisions of the High Court, the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords on the same day as judgment is given. The service is delivered under three headings: cases in property, commercial and criminal law. Subscribers can, for additional payments, order the full text of the decisions in which they are interested for same-day delivery.

The service is moderately priced, reliable and reasonably comprehensive in relation to the decisions of English courts. It needs to extend its coverage of judgments of the European Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance in Luxembourg, where quick and efficient access to decisions would be much welcomed by practitioners. There is need for improvement in a system in which the European Court Reports for 1993 have not yet been published in English because of delays in translation and a decision to press on with later reports.

In 1939, the Lord Chancellor appointed a committee to advise him how to answer complaints from the legal profession that "the great number of law reports was causing difficulty" because of their multiplicity, the expense, and the pressure on space. Despite the problems of war, the committee found time to report. But although it recognised the "inconveniences, to say the least, in the present state of affairs", it was unable to recommend "any cure for them which would not bring greater evils in its train".

Developments in information technology now offer solutions which will produce fundamental changes in the character of law reporting. The information superhighway is unlikely to bypass Chancery Lane. In the not too distant future, judges will hand down their judgments by computer link, the text being instantly available to those with the appropriate technology. One day soon, lawyers may be able not only to see pornography on the Internet, but also to read the latest Court of Appeal judgment on the law of obscenity as soon as it is delivered.

There are, of course, disadvantages in having access to all this information. How much more convenient for lawyers and judges only to consider cases selected by the editors of the Law Reports. Clients are likely to prefer the judgment of a former Lord Chancellor, Francis Bacon: "Knowledge is power."

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Inside knowedge

THE LAW Society came out with guns blazing in response to last Thursday's *Which?* report accusing solicitors of handing out "shoddy, inappropriate advice". Indeed, a four-page briefing to the press revealed impressive knowledge of the research techniques employed by the magazine. This might be because the society's new press officer, David McNeill, used to work for the National Consumers' Council. He was behind the NCC's damning report last December on the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, which hammered a hefty nail into its coffin.

Short of work

THE BAR'S fears that the Government's legal aid reforms will cut barristers out of the legal aid equation have not been allayed. If solicitors hold the legal aid purse strings, argues the Bar, they will stop hiring barristers.

Sir Tim Chessells, the Legal Aid Board chairman, gave the Bar little cause for comfort at its recent conference. Pressed on how quality would be safeguarded under a contract system, he admitted: "Until we get into the detail of working out a contract it is not clear exactly how we can put in safeguards."

In the big league

LONDON firms Nicholson Graham & Jones and Brecher & Co are to merge. Michael Johns, Nicholson Graham & Jones's managing partner, says: "We have been in talks for a year." The merger will move it into the top 40 London firms in size, with 113 lawyers. Brecher's name will disappear.

Kicking it around

LORD HAILSHAM and Edward Grayson, the president of the British Association for Sport and the Law, both feature in the first episode of *Kicking and Screaming*, a BBC documentary on football screened next week. Lord Hailsham's grandfather was an early advocate of the game. Mr Grayson, a barrister, describes how the word soccer was coined by Charles Wreford Brown, a lawyer who played for England. "In those days lawyers weren't needed for their legal skills but as players on the field," he says.

SOLICITORS last week were amused at how Peter Goldsmith QC, Bar chairman, found himself with two almost clashing engagements on the same day — the commercial court centenary celebrations and the official opening of the legal year. "Typical barrister — double booked as usual," one said.

Brush up on law

MACFARLANES and Allen & Overy are backing two trainee solicitors, Gerald Montagu and Mark Weston, co-authors of a guide to some of the procedural steps of everyday law. Due out this week, *The Legal Practice Companion* (from Central Law Training, 0121-355 0900) is likely to appeal to students and to solicitors wanting to brush up.

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Advocacy is the public face of the legal profession. In many ways it remains its most glamorous face. Johnnie Cochran will be remembered as the barrister who enabled O.J. Simpson to walk free. But in what shape lies advocacy's future?

That is the issue at the heart of this year's *Times* Law Awards which — with sponsorship for the first time by a set of chambers, 1 Essex Court — are to be judged by a distinguished panel including the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls.

With prizes worth £6,750, the Law Awards challenge students (of any age and discipline, registered with a UK institution) to write an article of no more than 1,000 words, by December 1, on the theme "Advocacy — What is the Future?"

No subject could be more topical for those interested in the future of the law in this country. Ten days ago at the Bar conference, Lord Woolf issued a solemn warning of the risk that barristers might "kill the golden goose" by charging excessive fees. And recent surveys of commercial clients show that they are unhappy at the costs involved in going to court. The Bar, in short, is at risk of pricing itself out of existence.

Or is it? Anthony Grabiner, QC, who heads 1 Essex Court, agrees that some barristers earn substantial sums. But most incomes are modest, he says. "There is a market in advocacy skills and the Bar is very flexible. Competition is vigorous and the laws of supply and demand operate."

The question is whether the forces at play are now moving to squeeze out the traditional role of the advocate or whether a new and even more glittering future awaits the profession. Jeffrey Gruder, another member of 1 Essex Court, argues that there are three key influences now at work on the market for barristers' services. "What we are confronted by is a mix of the emergence of the in-house advocate within firms of solicitors, the introduction of the conditional fee and the cutback in expenditure on legal aid," he says. "Combined, they are bound to alter the shape of the Bar."

Equally significant, he argues, is the growing emphasis now being put on the written presentation of evidence. The effect of this may well be to curtail markedly the scope for oral presentation to the judges, leaving time only for the final threads of a case to be tied together.

But wherein lies the real skill of the advocate? The popular image of barristers giving theatrical performances in front of a hushed courtroom is largely a thing of the past. What may be more important is the barrister's expertise in analysing whether a case would stand up in front of a judge.

Mr Grabiner says: "I spend only half my working week in court. The rest of my time is spent working with clients and preparing their cases. Often the best advice I can give in the end is not to go to court, with all its costs of money and time." It is this independence of mind which many barristers regard as central to their role and which, they say, may be under threat if in-house advocates, employed by law firms, take over as "trial lawyers".

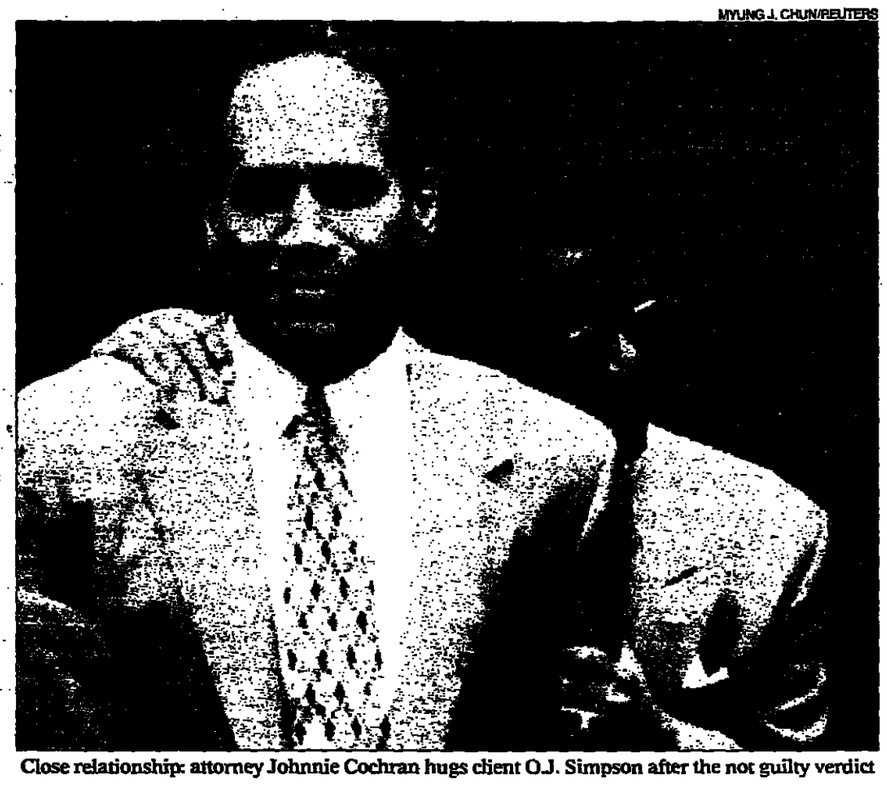
"The availability of our services to every law firm in the country — offering the facility to plug into the legal team as and when necessary — is an essential part of the service we offer," Mr Gruder says.

A source of pride for 1 Essex Court is that it provides services to almost 1,500 firms of solicitors throughout England and Wales. With 50 barristers it is the largest exclusively commercial set of chambers in London, and aims to offer a modern and highly efficient operation in tune with the needs of law firms. Paul Shrubsall, one of two senior clerks, says: "About half our work is on behalf of the top ten firms of solicitors, but the fact that we are available to all is an important part of the service we offer to the legal profession."

Although 1 Essex Court itself is extremely busy there is still an acknowledgement that the profession may shrink. Mr Grabiner says: "The size of the Bar has grown significantly over the last 15 years and maybe it has become an overcrowded market. We would like entrants to *The Times* Law Awards to address this issue, and also review the changing role of advocates themselves, whether in chambers or on the staff of firms of solicitors."

The Bar is clearly set to alter. How advocacy itself will develop, and whether for good or ill, is what our judges are keen to read.

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Close relationship: attorney Johnnie Cochran hugs client O.J. Simpson after the not guilty verdict

LAW AWARDS: RULES AND HOW TO ENTER

The judges for *The Times* Law Awards are: Chairman — the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern; Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls; Anthony Grabiner, QC; Jeffrey Gruder; and Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*.

To enter, please send your article of no more than 1,000 words on the subject "Advocacy — What is the Future?" to *The Times* Law Awards, c/o 1 Essex Court, Temple, London EC4Y 9AR. Entries must be received by Friday, December 1.

The prizes are: 1st £3,000; 2nd £2,000; 3rd £1,000; plus three runners-up prizes of £250 each.

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Pushing back the legal frontiers

The International Bar Association has good reason to celebrate

The International Bar Association is in celebratory mood. Its business law section (SBL) is 25 years old this year, and the IBA itself will be 50 in 1997. With more than 17,000 members from 173 countries, a turnover in excess of £3 million and £2 million in the bank, it has something to celebrate. The SBL's anniversary year included a week-long conference in Paris last month, attended by 2,800 delegates and presided over by the section's chairman, Francis Neate. Next month there is a conference in South Africa, and President Mandela has agreed to be a speaker.

Mr Neate, litigation partner at the City firm Slaughter and May, argues that the IBA should be more actively involved in helping its members to run their legal businesses. He says: "The Clifford Turner merger with Coward Chance [the merger which produced Britain's biggest law firm, Clifford Chance] changed the face of international legal practice. Originally it was seen as a domestic merger, but has emerged as an international move."

The merger triggered the restructuring of the European legal profession, as continental firms decided that they also had to grow large to compete. But to date, the IBA has had a passive role in that restructuring process. "Most of the friendships which have given rise to mergers, alliances or closer relationships have been forged at the IBA." There could, however, be a more formal role for the IBA in helping international lawyers, Mr Neate says.

To set the ball rolling he launched a series of workshops on the globalisation of legal practice as part of his 25th anniversary initiative, which took place in London, Amsterdam, New York and Singapore.

Mr Neate identifies a marked difference between topics aired in Amsterdam, where forming alliances and associations was top of the agenda, and in New York, where talk focused on the possibility of a transatlantic merger. He predicts the result will be "a merger between leading New York and London firms. I will eat my hat if they are not all thinking about it."

To date, the IBA's direct influence on the development of international law and practice has had an indirect benefit for English lawyers because it is resolute in its insistence, even in Paris, that all its conferences take place in English. "The fact of the matter is that the English language is the lingua-franca of commerce," Mr Neate says.

The IBA and SBL regularly provide funding for lawyers from developing countries to attend conferences, and are keen to promote human rights. But



Francis Neate: global role

money, he says, is in short supply.

The challenge now facing the SBL is to draw younger lawyers. Its committees are dominated by older (and predominantly male) international lawyers. Its new series of conferences, called Basic Courses, aim to introduce young lawyers to the fundamental tenets. The first course, launched in Paris, was attended by 280 young lawyers.

Mr Neate hangs up his chairman's medal in October 1996, and will go back to Slaughter and May — "for as long as my partners will have me".

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Insurance term applies to reinsurance

Axa Reinsurance UK plc v Field

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment September 14]

Good sense required that the meaning given in a High Court judgment to a clause limiting liability in a professional liability insurance contract should bind the reinsurers of the liability insurers and apply to the corresponding limiting provision in the reinsurance contract.

Thus the judgment of Mr Justice Phillips in *Cox v Bankside Members Agency Ltd* (*The Times* January 27, 1995; [1995] CLC 180) that the liability of managing and members' agents established in *Deeny v Gooda Walker Ltd* (*The Times* October 7, 1994; [1994] CLC 1224) arose out of three "originating causes", within the terms of an errors and omissions policy issued to them by professional liability insurers, also determined that the professional liability insurers' losses arose from three "events", within the terms of the excess of loss reinsurance policy issued to them by reinsurers.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the plaintiff reinsurers' appeal in their action against Mr Roger Field, acting on his own behalf and as representative of all other members of Lloyd's Syndicate No 204 for 1991, who provided professional indemnity insurance by errors and omissions cover to managing and members' agents of other syndicates, from the judgment of Mr Justice Phillips on July 27 on a preliminary issue.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Andrew Popplewell for the reinsurers: Mr Jonathan Hirst, QC and Mr Michael Swainston for Mr Field.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that many of the members' agents in the *Gooda Walker* litigation, who suffered very large losses to the Gooda Walker names, had contracts of insurance against liability for professional negligence and fraud, errors and omissions insurance. Their insurance was at Lloyd's, with underwriters who included the plaintiff in the *Cox* case and Syndicate 204.

Some of the professional liability insurers had in turn effected reinsurance; in particular Syndicate 204 had reinsured with the plaintiffs.

The problem arose out of the way limits of liability were framed, first, in the contracts of liability insurance and, second, in the reinsurance contracts.

A typical form of wording in the former was "... in respect of any claim or claims arising from one originating cause or series of events or occurrences attributable to one originating cause..."

In the *Cox* case one of the issues Mr Justice Phillips determined was that there were three originating causes which gave rise to the members' agents liability to the Gooda Walker names; the reason was that there were three separate individuals managing the underwriting for Gooda Walker names, and each of the three was said to have failed to arrange adequate protection against a catastrophe.

The limit in the reinsurance contract was in different words; the reinsurance was subject to an excess in respect of "each and every loss", which was defined by another term in the policy as "... each and every loss and/or occurrence ... and/or series of losses and/or occurrences ... arising out of one event".

A further complication arose from another clause in the reinsurance contract, the follow settlements clause, which provided that "all loss settlements made by the reinsured shall be unconditionally binding upon reinsurers provided such settlements are within the conditions of the original policies ... and within the terms of this reinsurance..."

On the preliminary issue, the court had to decide, in effect, whether the follow settlements clause meant that the number of losses, for the purpose of the reinsurance contract, had been conclusively determined by the decision in the *Cox* case that there were three separate claims under the liability insurance contract of Bankside. Mr Justice Phillips held that it had been so determined.

On a narrow interpretation of the issue the answer had to be "no": the liability of the reinsurers had not been conclusively determined, if only because it was necessary to interpret that clause in the reinsurance contract. However, neither party argued for the narrow interpretation.

Two questions seemed to his Lordship to be involved: first, were the reinsurers bound not merely by the result in the *Cox* case but also by decisions which the court reached on the way to that result?

Second, if so, was the meaning of each and every loss in the reinsurance contract necessarily the same as the meaning which Mr Justice Phillips gave to the limiting provision in the liability insurance contracts in the *Cox* case?

On the first question, it could readily be concluded that the reinsurers were to be bound by any compromise or judgment to the extent that it (a) held the liability insurers liable to the members' agents, and (b) determined the amount of that liability.

But did the clause go further and bind the reinsurers to the result on all issues that fell to be decided between the liability insurers and the members' agents?

It was contended that the Court of Appeal decision in *Hill v Mercantile and General Reinsurance Co plc* (*The Times* July 25, 1994; [1995] LRLR 160) determined the matter.

But, in his Lordship's judgment, the dispute in that case was not about whether a term in the reinsurance contract had to be given the same meaning as a term in the insurance contract.

Nevertheless good sense required that the reinsurers in the present case should be bound by Mr Justice Phillips' decision as to the meaning of the liability insurance contracts.

The huge capacity of the Lloyd's market to spawn litigation had become all too obvious in recent times; where there was an attempt to restrict it, as in the follow settlements clause, it should receive full faith and credit from the courts. It should be given a wide rather than a narrow construction.

Mr Kentridge, however, pointed out that the question under the reinsurance contract was quite different from that decided in the *Cox* case under the liability insurance contract: what was decided in that case was that the claims by Bankside against the liability insurers were attributable to three originating causes.

By contrast, what had to be decided in the present case was the number of events out of which had arisen not just the Bankside claims, but all the claims against the 70 members' agents who (i) were held liable to the Gooda Walker names and (ii) were insured by the liability insurers.

His Lordship could see that such an argument would prevail in some cases, and that the number of events in the answer to one question might be quite different from the number in answer to the other. But that was not so in the present case.

The court was told that the *Cox* case was a test case; it was accepted that each of the members' agents had dealt with all three of the managing agents responsible for the failure to obtain adequate protection against a catastrophe: and all 70 of the members' agents were parties to *Cox*'s case.

In those circumstances it seemed to his Lordship that the "settlement", which was said to be binding, included a determination that the claims of all the members' agents arose out of three originating causes. It was obviously convenient for an overall conclusion to be reached. Accordingly, the reinsurers were bound by the determination of that issue.

As regards the second question, whether all the claims arose out of three events, his Lordship did not believe that the parties to those contracts had in mind a philosopher's definition of an event, or of an originating cause, although they were perhaps aware of the difficulty of ascertaining the causes of things.

In their desire to regulate the extent to which a disaster could cause an accumulation of losses, either for a primary insurer or for a reinsurer, they used language which tended towards aggregation of losses rather than segregation: "one originating cause", "calamities arising out of one event".

In his Lordship's view an event was a happening or an occurrence and it might include an omission: *Forney v Dominion Insurance Co Ltd* ([1969] 1 WLR 928). By itself, it was not necessarily a cause: presumably there were some events which caused nothing, at any rate in practical terms.

But an event out of which something arose had to be a cause. In *Caudle v Sharp* ([1995] CLC 642) the Court of Appeal held that the three requirements of a relevant event were, that there was a common factor which could properly be described as an event, which satisfied the test of causation and which was not too remote for the purposes of the clause.

The same could be said, in the present context, of an originating cause. Accordingly, there was no relevant difference between the two clauses; and the reinsurers, being bound to follow the decision in the *Cox* case, were tied to the conclusion that there were three events out of which all the members' agents' claims arose.

Lord Justice Simon Brown gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Nourse agreed with both.

Solicitors: Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert; *Clyde & Co.*

Insurer cannot avoid deal over undisclosed fraud

PCW Syndicates v PCW Reinsurers

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment July 31]

An insurer was not entitled to avoid a contract of insurance on the ground that the assured's agent had not disclosed that he had been defrauding his principal.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by 24 insurance companies and 62 Lloyd's syndicates, the reinsurers, against a decision of Mr Justice Waller, sitting as a judge-arbitrator, on January 27 on a preliminary issue in a claim against them by the members of 56 Lloyd's syndicates, the names, whose reinsurance was managed by PCW Underwriting Agencies Ltd.

Section 18 of the Marine Insurance Act 1906 provides: "(1) ... the assured must disclose to the insurer ... every material circumstance which is known to the assured, and the assured is deemed to know every circumstance which, in the ordinary course of business, ought to be known by him. If the assured fails to make such disclosure, the insurer may avoid the contract..."

Section 19 provides: "... where an insurance is effected for the assured by an agent, the agent must disclose to the insurer — (a) every material circumstance which is known to himself, and an agent to insure is deemed to know every circumstance which in the ordinary course of business ought to be known by ... him..."

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Jacobs for the reinsurers; Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr John Lockey for the names.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that reinsurance had been arranged for the names by PCW but the reinsurers had purported to avoid the contracts for non-disclosure. The non-disclosure alleged was that a number of individuals at PCW were misappropriating premiums received for the benefit of the names.

It was agreed that the law which the court had to consider was to be found in the 1906 Act; either it was directly applicable, or else indirectly because that Act codified the common law applicable to all classes of insurance.

Under section 18 one had to consider what an honest and competent agent would communicate to the assured in the ordinary course of business. The honest and competent agent would not have any dishonesty to reveal.

It was in his Lordship's view impossible to say that the dishonesty of people at PCW ought in the ordinary course of business to have been known to the names. But even if section 18 was a deeming provision, a rule of law that attributed or imputed knowledge or treated knowledge as being in someone's possession when it was not, the result was the same if one applied the principle in *In re Hampshire Land Company* ([1896] 2 Ch 743), as formulated in *Belmont Finance Corporation Ltd v Williams Furniture Ltd* ([1979] Ch 250, 262): "if the agent is acting in fraud of his principal and the matter of which he has notice is relevant to the fraud, that knowledge is not to be imputed to the principal."

The reinsurers had argued that under section 19 an agent to insure had to disclose every material circumstance that he knew, and that included his own dishonesty. That would create a remarkable difference between section 18 and section 19, and his Lordship could see no warrant for it.

If the dishonesty of an agent was not something which in the ordinary course of business ought to be known by the principal (section 18), why should it be held against the principal merely because the agent was an agent to insure (section 19)? It was equally absurd in either case to suppose that the agent would in fact disclose his dishonesty, whether to his principal or to the proposed reinsurer.

His Lordship would hold that the *Hampshire Land* principle was not confined to cases where the agent's knowledge was by law to be imputed or attributed to the principal, or deemed to be the knowledge of the principal. The doctrine should extend to a case where the principal's rights were affected if the agent did not make disclosure to a third party.

His Lordship had not found in the authorities any decision that an agent to insure was required by section 19 to disclose information which he had received otherwise than in the character of agent for the assured; and certainly none where the information was as to the agent's own fraud on his principal.

His Lordship would hold that he was not, whether it be by a branch of the *Hampshire Land* principle or because he was not an agent for that purpose.

LORD JUSTICE SAVILLE, agreeing that the appeal should be dismissed, said that the agent to insure within section 19 only encompassed those who actually dealt with the insurers concerned and made the contract in question.

PCW had not dealt with the reinsuring underwriters nor made the contracts in question, for the reinsurances were placed through brokers.

Lord Justice Rose concurred with both judgments.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; D. J. Freeman.

Effect of recession on damages for breach of contract

Western Web Offset Printers Ltd v Independent Media Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment October 4]

Damages for loss of profit from repudiation of a contract were to be assessed in an amount that compensated the plaintiff for the loss of his bargain. Although each case turned on its facts, during times of recession when a business had spare capacity the amount of such damages was not to be limited to the plaintiff's anticipated net loss taking into account a proportion of his indirect expenses such as his overheads but could be equated to his loss of gross profit.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Western Web Offset Printers Ltd, and increasing the award of damages for repudiation of a contract by the defendant, Independent Media Ltd, made by Judge Fallon, QC, sitting as an official referee in *Bristol District Registry* on November 4, 1993, from £38,245 to £176,903.

Mr A. David M. C. Marshall for the plaintiff; Mr Nicholas Baatz for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that the plaintiff, a printing company, obtained summary judgment with damages to be assessed against the defendant for repudiating a contract to print 48 issues of a weekly newspaper. The plaintiff's gross profit on printing those issues would have been £176,903. At all material times because of the recessession the plaintiff's order books were not full. It had spare capacity.

The plaintiff approached the case by analysing the likely price of the 48 issues lost and deducting the direct expenses of carrying out the work, paper, ink and so on, thereby arriving at the amount of loss of profit claimed, namely £176,903.

The defendant's approach was quite different. It set out to calculate the notional net profit that would have been made by the plaintiff from fulfilling the contract by deducting a percetage of the plaintiff's labour costs and overheads. It arrived at the sum of £38,245. Accepting the defendant's calculation, the judge's view was that the plaintiff was entitled to its net profit on the contract which it had lost.

The correct, and only, principle to be applied was that where a party to an agreement defaulted, the other party was entitled to damages representing the loss of the value of the benefit of which he was deprived through the breach. He was entitled to be compensated for the loss of his bargain.

The judge, having referred to *McGregor on Damages* (15th edition (1988) paragraph 1094), erred by approaching the case as a typical case of "work and materials". In *British Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co Ltd v Underground Electric Railways Company of London* ([1912] AC 673, 688) Viscount Haldane, Lord Chancellor, had said that "the quantum of damages is a question of fact and the only guidance the law can give is to lay down general principles which afford at times but scanty assistance in dealing with particular cases".

Here, because of the recession the plaintiff's order books were not full. It had taken steps to replace the work lost by the breach but could not fill up its spare capacity. It was not guilty of any failure to mitigate its loss.

The judge was confused by seeking to draw incorrect analogies from cases concerning sale of goods and contracts for materials and labour. Confusion was caused by labelling cases. It was liable to detract from applying the principle of loss of bargain: going back to basics to ascertain what loss was caused to the particular plaintiff as a result of the breach.

Overall, the plaintiff's profit and expenditure account was depreciated by the loss, not just of a notional net profit, but of the availability of £176,903 to help defray its existing and inevitable overheads. The judge was in error and the sum of £176,903 should be substituted for that of £38,245.

Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Sedley gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Kirby Simcox, Bristol; Jacklyn Dawson & Meyrick Williams, Newport.

Judge entitled to reject agreed facts after plea

Regina v Beswick

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Jowitt and Mrs Justice Steel

[Judgment August 14]

Where the prosecution had accepted a guilty plea in agreement with the defence on the basis of an unreal and untrue set of facts, the judge was entitled to set aside the agreement and try the factual issues involved.

The decision to try factual issues was not a ground on which the defendant could be allowed to vacate his plea.

The Court of Appeal so observed when reducing from 15 to 12 months the sentence for causing grievous bodily harm imposed on May 24, 1995 by Judge Miller at Manchester Crown Court following a trial of factual issues in the case of Darren Anthony Beswick.

Miss Tonia Grace, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Mark Fireman for the prosecution; neither counsel appeared below.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said the following principles applied:

1 It was axiomatic that whenever a court had to sentence an offender it should seek to do so on a true basis. It followed that the prosecution should not lend itself to any agreement with the defence founded on an unreal and untrue set of facts.

2 When that had happened the judge was entitled to direct the trial of an issue so he could determine the true factual basis.

3 Such a direction did not create a ground on which the defendant could be allowed to vacate his plea of guilty.

4 The decision that there should be a trial of an issue meant that the judge was entitled to expect the prosecuting counsel to assist him by the presentation of prosecution evidence and in testing any evidence called by the defence. The prior agreement between prosecution and defence must be considered as conditional on the approval of the judge. It would offend and obstruct the doing of justice were the prosecution to be bound by it unconditionally.

5 Before the trial of an issue was embarked upon it was appropriate to consider whether there was any part of the agreement to which the prosecution should be held to be bound. Counsel should also consider which of the prosecution statements or documents read bore upon the issues to be tried.

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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 0171-782 7344

CONTRACTS & TENDERS

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Further information may be obtained by written or faxed request from:- Mr M V O'Connell, Trust Administration Manager, Pinderfields Hospitals NHS Trust, Trust Headquarters, Rowan House, Pinderfields General Hospital, Aberford Road, Wakefield WF1 4EE Fax No. 01924 814929.

Following receipt of expressions of interest (latest date for receipt – Wednesday 25 October 1995), the Trust will invite selected firms to submit tenders.

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LEGAL NOTICES

London Child Care Ltd (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 10th November 1995, to send their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the S.D. Sweden, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED THIS 3rd October 1995
S.D. Sweden, Liquidator.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF OMBIAL LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 28 September 1995 the above company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. PAB Evans of Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
The liquidator reserves the right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
P A B EVANS, Liquidator.
OMBIAL LIMITED

Collective Insurance Agency (Travel) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Collective Insurance Agency (Travel) Limited was struck off the Companies Register in September 1994 and were it not for its dissolution, it would now be entitled to receive payment of a sum in excess of £180,000, alternatively in trust for or on behalf of a group of re-insurance companies who intend to apply to the Court to have the sum paid directly to them. Any existing creditors of the now dissolved company are invited to prove their claims in writing to the solicitors acting for the re-insurers and to state what objections they may have to such a payment being made without the former component of Collective Insurance Agency (Travel) Limited being reinstated on the Companies Register.
The solicitors acting for the said re-insurers are Messrs Belmont & Lewis, Henrietta House, 93 Tunsmill Street, London EC1M 5QU. All correspondence should be marked for the attention of T. Wiseman.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
ROBBINS (MARINE) LIMITED
Registered number: 02667292.
Trading names: Euro Hotel, George Hotel, Nelstow of Seaton Hotels. Trade classifications: all.
Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 4 October 1995. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: Retsive (UK) Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: C S Kirsten and P R Cope. Office holder nos: 6265 and 1788.
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice in the London Gazette and Newspapers Pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985.
MERLIN DISTRIBUTION (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that:-
(a) By a written resolution signed by all the members of the above named company dated 5th October 1995 a payment of £3,276,867.00 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from those members of the Company listed in column 1 below of a total of 2,914,286 Redeemable Cumulative Preference Shares of 50p each in the proportions listed in column 2 below under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985 be authorised.

Preference Shareholder	Number of Shares to be purchased
Prudential Nominees Limited	505,447
CINS Nominees (London) Limited	40,982
KB (CI) Nominees Limited	1,821,428
3i Group Plc	546,429

(b) The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £3,276,867.00.
(c) The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 both of which are dated 4th October 1995 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Hackbridge Green Road, West Wilts Trading Estate, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 4HE; and
(d) Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 5th October 1995 for an Order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.
Dated 6th October 1995
JGI/WWT148.3.

Cebo Automation Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 23rd October 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 99 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 5th October 1995.
P.M. QUOTO, Director.

London Child Care Ltd (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S.D.Sweden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 3rd October 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
DATED THIS 3rd October 1995
S.D. Sweden, FCA, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
STERLING BUILDERS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 25 October 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5BA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darlington, FIPA, of Chatterbridge House, London EC4M 6EN is appointed to act as the nominee for the purposes of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 27 day of September 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.C. MCAULEY, DIRECTOR

No. 005887 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF RENAISSANCE TILES LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Court of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated 20th September 1995 confirmed the reduction of the capital of the above named company from £5,000,000 to £2,800,000 and the Minute approved by the Court dealing with inquiry to the capital of the company as altered the several particulars required by the above Act and that Act were duly complied with. And that the Order of the Court was registered by the Registrar of Companies, on the 28th day of September 1995.
Dated this 6th day of October 1995.
Allen & Hemsworth
East India House
109-117 Middlesex Street,
London E1 7JF
Solicitors
for the above named company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

POTATO MARKETING BOARD
THE POTATO MARKETING SCHEME
ELECTION OF A DISTRICT MEMBER 1995
The Potato Marketing Board announces that, in accordance with the provisions of the Potato Marketing Scheme, the following District Member has been elected with effect from 31st October 1995.
Name of District: No 21 South-East England
Name of Member: Mr A Stevenson
Signed: I B Rogers, Secretary, The Potato Marketing Board, 4 Avenue-Terra Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2NA. 6 October 1995.

CORPORATION OF THE SONS OF THE CLERGY
The Annual General Court of Governors of the Corporation will be held at Lambeth Palace on Thursday 9th November 1995 at 12 noon, for the election of Governors and for other business as the Court of Assistants may direct the Charter of King Charles II.
Governors wishing to attend should please contact the Registrar for full particulars.
1 Dean Trench Street, London SW1P 3HB.
Telephone 0171-799 1696.

DAVY UK (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
In Members' Voluntary Liquidation
Company Number 1667722
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above Company intends to make a distribution to the members. He requires to receive full details of their claims and their names and addresses by the last day for proving, which is the 30th June 1996, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4AB. Dated 27th September 1995.
10 November 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator intends to make final distributions and that after distribution no further claims will be considered by him and that he will not be responsible for any such debts proved. (Note: The Company is able to pay in full known creditors.)
Dated 27th September 1995
R Smith - Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NO: 40 of 1995
IN THE GUILDFORD COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
ROBIN WILLIAM SKELTON
I, Jane Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Rendered Walker, MBH House, Hainault Hill, London N19 5QU, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee in the Bankruptcy of the above-named bankrupt.
All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs to me.
Dated this 3rd day of October 1995.
J. V. VENVIL, Trustee in Bankruptcy

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
S. MAGUIRE BUILDING SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26TH OCTOBER 1995 at 4 CHANTER HOUSE SQUARE, LONDON EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darlington FIPA, of Chatterbridge House, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 5th day of October 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. MORGAN, DIRECTOR

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM or INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interest to the persons or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased whose names, addresses before the 30th November 1995 which date the assets of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
MARGERY OLIVE COOPER, 2 Hatchgate Close, Cold Ash, Newbury, Berks, died on 6th March 1995. Particulars to Ray Lewis, Lewis & Lewis Solicitors, 21a Commercial Road, Newbury, Berks RG14 1BU before 15th December 1995.

Moves to unity hide uneasy alliance

By Brian Clarke

FOR all its meaty agenda, the first national angling conference in London yesterday was overshadowed by a series of surprise policy announcements that might have far-reaching effects for the sport in Great Britain.

The three bodies representing game, coarse and sea angling, which in the past have had a sometimes fractious relationship, announced moves for closer collaboration that will give the sport as a whole a more coherent voice.

At the same time, the Salmon and Trout Association (S&TA), the National Federation of Anglers and the National Federation of Sea Anglers announced a formal relationship with the British Field Sports Society (BFSS) and support for the recently-formed Countryside Business Group (CBG).

Angling has been much in need of a single voice in dealing with common issues and the news that the leading bodies are extending their own collaboration and hoping to link also with the principal representative groups in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, will be welcomed.

Closer links with the BFSS are likely to be less widely welcomed. The decision by the three main bodies to "support and recognise the BFSS as the unifying body for lobbying on their behalf", even if solely "in the collective defence and promotion of country sports", will be viewed by some as dangerous and even divisive. The BFSS, for all its undoubted strength as a lobby, represents activities, including fox hunting and hare coursing, that many anglers feel are different in kind to their own pursuit.

It was in the same statement that the three representative bodies had declared support for the Countryside Business Group, the group that funded the conference. The CBG's aims are to protect the interests of landowners, farmers and businesses which profit from countryside activities by protecting the interests of those activities, including angling and all field sports.

The group hopes to raise £5 million a year from its members by levy on turnover. Up to £4 million a year would be spent with advertising agencies, public relations companies and lobbyists, who would counter the assaults of various opponents.

The CBG's American founder, Eric Bettelheim, did not speak long in open forum yesterday, but later talked quietly of the threats, as he saw them, to loud applause. However, in even a short statement circulated to delegates later, he managed to include references to "single-issue fanatics", to opponents' "mindless pursuit of their utopian ideals", to politicians "stampeded into irrational and destructive legislation", to "hysterical, media-based campaigns", to "ignorance, sentimentality and political correctness" in our "green and pleasant land", and of the need for "a national media and political campaign such as this country has never seen, or our way of life is finished".

Large numbers of anglers will share the CBG's concern at the violent and undemocratic means that some minority groups are using in an attempt to impose their wills on many areas, even angling. They also know that the attention from these groups is likely to grow and that there is a need for a new and sharper focus in the presentation of their case - a focus which, in recent times, the S&TA in particular has been giving.

Many will be uneasy with the CBG's constituency, with its wide agenda and with the language it uses. They may well be unhappy at the precipitant way that the three main representative bodies, desperate to make headway and strapped for resources, have hitched themselves, and in the public mind the angling community, to the CBG's wagon.

It is no doubt natural that after so much virulence from the anti-field sports groups, there should be some form of reaction. But it needs to be a measured reaction controlled by the angling community itself and not, some may feel, a sudden lurch to the right that could eject their baby with the bath water.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Pearce, of Telford Police, tees off across water at the 8th hole of the Arden course yesterday

Taylor wraps up regional final

By Mel Webb

IT WAS fourth time lucky for a Bridgnorth aluminium packaging firm in the South Midlands regional final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge at The Forest of Arden yesterday. Lawson Mardon Star finished fifth at Bristol and Clifton in the first year of the competition, and sixth at The Forest of Arden last year.

This time, they did several times better, winning the event with a Stableford score of 84 points, three ahead of Robert Bosch Limited and four in front of Telford Police.

The winning quartet of Andy Taylor, Paul Taylor, Norman Jones and Tony Evans arrived at the Arden course expecting little except an avowed intent to enjoy themselves. They did, and then some, and a trip to the national final at La Manga at the end of November was their reward.

So determined were they that nothing would come between them and a good day out that they did not even add up their score, and did not realise that they had won until moments before the team name was announced.

"We can't quite believe it," Paul Taylor said. "We didn't keep a score on each hole and the fact that we've won has come as a total surprise."

Even judged by its own high standards, the Arden course was in superb condition for this, the fourth in the ten-event regional final series. The course is a challenge for the best when it is used for the Murphy's English Open, and for the handicap golfers in this competition it was a tough an unrelenting test.

It would have been an exacting examination in flat calm conditions, but a capricious wind that whipped around the course countered the feelgood factor of playing with the sun on the competitors' backs on this unseasonably balmy day.

Like so many successful teams in this competition, Lawson Mardon Star did not have an outstanding individual. Rather, they depended on team work.

Their best spell came in the six holes around the turn, in which they scored 34 points. Their best hole was the 442-yard, par-five seventh, where Andy Taylor hit a drive, three-wood and pitching wedge to 4ft and made the putt for a net eagle three and four points. He was supported by a gross par five by Evans, which, with the benefit of a shot, he made into a net birdie three and three points.

Four points followed on the par three 8th, played entirely across water from the championship tee, and then followed six points collected on three of the next four holes, and five the other. It was the sequence that was to win them their place in the Spanish sun.

Three of the four Lawson Mardon Star players had previous experience of the Challenge — Andy Taylor had played in both of the previous years and Jones and Paul Taylor once each.

A thought should be spared, though, for Allan Clayton. He has been non-playing captain in all three of their appearances but has yet to make the team.

SOUTH MIDLANDS REGIONAL FINAL

RESULTS: 84: Lawson Mardon Star Limited 81: Robert Bosch Limited. 80: Telford Police. 78: Barclays Life Assurance Company Limited. 77: Acco Europe. 76: Citroen Fleet. IBH Midlands Hospitals. 75: Shire Leasing plc, Mercury Communications Limited. 74: Memorex Telex; Philips Consumer Electronics; Brownhills Glass Company Limited. 73: Bass plc. 72: Sun Electric UK Limited. 70: Barclays Bank Westwood Park; Aqua Gas (valves and fittings) Limited. British Pre-cast Concrete Federation Limited. 69: Macintyre Hudson 67: Tarmac Ltd; Servicetec International plc. 66: Ibstock Building Products Limited; Coopers and Lybrand 65: The National Grid Company plc. 64: Trade Indemnity-Hafer Commercial Finance Limited 62: The Priory Hospital 60: Cheltenham and Gloucester 57: Europa European Express Limited

Dolphins' fall takes gloss off Marino's feat

By Stuart Jones

DAN MARINO looked to his left, saw a familiar ally and threw a short pass, the 3,687th that he had completed in his career. The game was temporarily halted as the crowd in Miami hailed the quarterback's unprecedented achievement, but it finished with another record being broken, the team's unbeaten sequence.

The oppressively warm evening was supposed to be crowned by Marino as he approached the first of four landmarks, the number of completions set by Fran Tarkenton two decades ago. His thunder was stolen, though, by Jim Harbaugh, of the Indianapolis Colts, his less eminent counterpart.

Before the start, Eugene Daniel had been asked which method might be the most effective in combatting Marino's extraordinary ability to assess all of the options and choose the right one. The Colts cornerback, about to face him for the 23rd time, had no practical answer. "Just pray a little," he said.

As if to demonstrate Daniel's lavish appraisal, Marino, with the assistance of the best rushing defence in the National Football League (NFL), swiftly established an apparently decisive lead. His progress was disrupted only by his historic pass to Keith Byars, 13 years after he had completed his first, to Mark Cooper.

When he connected again with Byars to claim his 336th touchdown pass, he stood only six short of matching another of Tarkenton's records. "What sets him apart is his judgment," Don Shula, the Dolphins coach said. "He makes decisions instantly." Together, they had forged 111 victories.

Ahead 24-3 early in the second half, the 112th victory seemed assured until Marino was struck after he had released the ball by a couple of runaway Colts. The Dolphins, temporarily without their leader who was receiving treatment for an injured hip, lost their impetus and were never able to regain it.

The Colts, specialists in unhinging unbeaten opposition, had dismantled the St Louis Rams the week before and, under Harbaugh, they set about the only perfect record left in the NFL. The attempt would have failed but for the unusual inaccuracy of Pete Stoyanovich.

Having kicked a field goal from 51 yards, he missed another from little more than the length of a cricket pitch and, with six seconds remaining, again from the half-way line. Where he failed, a fresh Colt succeeded. Cary Blanchard marked his debut by scoring the winning three points in overtime.

Marino, kept on the sidelines throughout a fourth quarter dominated exclusively by the opponents, was disconsolate. "It's going to be hard to put this behind us," he said. His coach went further. Shula described the capitulation of his team as "an embarrassment".

So was the fate of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The joint leaders in the central division of the American Conference accumulated a mere 66 yards on the ground as they went down 20-16, handing Jacksonville Jaguars, the newcomers, their second victory.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Buffalo 29 New York Jets 10, Chicago 31 Carolina 27, Dallas 34 Green Bay 24, Jacksonville 20 Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 23 Houston 17, Philadelphia 37 Washington 34 Tampa Bay 19, Cincinnati 16, Detroit 38 Cleveland 20, Indianapolis 27 Miami 24, New York Giants 27 Phoenix 21, Oakland 34 Seattle 14, Denver 37 New England 3

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	0	109	74
Miami	4	1	0	145	77
Indianapolis	3	2	0	110	110
New England	1	3	0	40	92
NY Jets	1	5	0	88	178
Central division					
Cleveland	3	3	0	125	107
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	138	140
Cincinnati	2	4	0	136	145
Houston	2	4	0	105	119
Jacksonville	2	4	0	81	117
Western division					
Oakland	5	1	0	183	79
Kansas City	4	1	0	118	82
San Diego	3	2	0	81	85
Denver	2	3	0	97	113
Seattle	2	3	0	85	112

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	0	180	109
Philadelphia	3	3	0	127	159
NY Giants	2	4	0	101	139
Washington	2	4	0	133	139
Arizona	1	5	0	90	160
Central division					
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	86	88
Chicago	3	3	0	139	108
Green Bay	3	2	0	103	95
Minnesota	3	2	0	118	105
Detroit	2	3	0	112	107
Western division					
Atlanta	4	1	0	103	105
San Francisco	4	1	0	137	68
St Louis	4	1	0	117	86
Carolina	0	5	0	79	136
New Orleans	0	5	0	98	128

Not including San Diego at Kansas last night.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Some of the good bridge at TGR's is played in the lower stake games. This was a neat defence by two of the unobtrusive hustlers who work the £1 partnership.

Dealer North — Love all

♠AQ94 ♥Q 1083 ♦K ♣AK65

♠2 ♥K5 ♦Q 1098763 ♣987

♠K 10853 ♥A754 ♦42 ♣103

♠J76 ♥J92 ♦AJ5 ♣QJ42

Contract: 3 NT by South — Lead: Ten of Diamonds

North opened One Club, West overcalled One Spade, and South surprisingly bid 1 NT. An example of "hogging", seen rather more among the couples in the £1 partnership than in the higher-stake games. Anyway, her husband gave her 3 NT and now West had to decide on her lead.

In general, you should lead a suit that your partner has overcalled, but, if your partner overcalls One Spade over One Club, that is the time when his suit is most likely to be weak. Thus, there was a good case for West to try a diamond.

The declarer won the ten of diamonds in dummy and crossed to hand with a club to lead a low heart. This put West to the test — many players are incapable of playing low from king doubleton in this position, having some vague fear that, if they duck, their king will never score a trick. However, West recognised that she needed the king of hearts as an entry to the diamonds, and so she did play low.

Now, East was able to win and clear the diamonds, and declarer was held to the ace of spades, two diamonds and four clubs. If West had taken the king of hearts, there was no way that the defence could have beaten the contract.

☐ The Great Britain women's team made a good start in the Venice Cup yesterday, beating Japan 16-14 and the United States II 25-3, and drawing 15-15 with Australia. France did even better with three wins, while United States II recovered ground to leave the leading positions as: 1, France 63; 2, Great Britain 56; 3, United States 49; 4, Japan 48. Britain play Venezuela, France and India today. United States I and Germany dominate the other group.

In the Bermuda Bowl, the shock of the opening day was the dreadful start made by United States I, who are bottom of a group led by Indonesia, Australia, South Africa and Holland. Sweden lead the other group, followed by Italy, United States II and Canada.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Record wins

This week sees Vishy Anand's final chance to rescue his mission to unseat Garry Kasparov as world champion. Anand's campaign received a setback when he lost the thirteenth game with the white pieces in only 25 moves, one short of a record for a loss with white in a world championship contest.

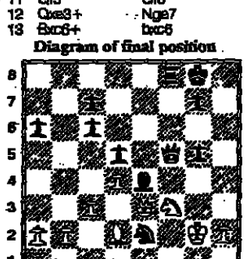
Today, I give the two other contenders for this dubious honour, a game from the 1948 championship which equalled Anand's total of 25 moves and the shortest loss ever by white, when Steinitz lost more than a century ago in 24 moves.

White: Max Euwe
Black: Paul Keres
World championship
Moscow, 1948

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	d6
5	c3	f5
6	exf5	Bxf5
7	d4	e4
8	Ng5	d5
9	f3	e3
10	f4	Bd6
11	Qf3	Qf6
12	Qxe3+	Nge7
13	Bxc6+	bxc6

Diagram of final position



14	0-0	0-0
15	Nd2	Ng6
16	g3	Rae8
17	Qf2	Bd3
18	Re1	Rxe1+
19	Qxe1	Bxf4
20	gxf4	Nxf4
21	Ndf3	Ne2+
22	Kg2	h6
23	Qd2	Qf5
24	Qe3	hxg5
25	Bd2	Be4

White resigns

White: Wilhelm Steinitz
Black: Mikhail Chigorin
World championship
Havana, 1892

Two Knights Defence

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Nf6
4	Ng5	d5
5	exd5	Na5
6	Bb5+	c6
7	dxc6	bxc6
8	Bf1	h6
9	Nh3	Bc5
10	d3	Qb6
11	Qe2	Bg4
12	f3	Bxh3
13	gxh3	0-0-0
14	Nd2	Nd5
15	Nb3	Bb4+
16	Bd2	Ne3
17	Bxb4	Qxb4+
18	c3	Qh4+
19	Kd2	Nac4+
20	Ke1	Rxd3
21	Bg2	Rhd8
22	e4	Rd1+
23	Rxd1	Rxd1+
24	Qxd1	Nxd1

White resigns

Times world championship book

A full account of the match will appear in a *Times* book by Raymond Keene, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99), which will be published two days after the result is known. Credit card orders on 01376 327901.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Saturday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

Cardiff Devils turn up heat

By a Special Correspondent

SEVERAL ice hockey clubs took full advantage of the absence of Sheffield Steelers, the reigning champions, who were on European Cup duty in Holland, to improve their premier division positions at the weekend.

Cardiff Devils followed their 10-2 victory at Slough with an impressive display on their own ice when they defeated another struggling side, Milton Keynes Kings, 13-1 on Sunday. Steve Moria led Cardiff's scorers with six goals. Not until the 52nd minute, by which time the score stood at 9-0, did Grant Slater beat Jason Wood for the visitors' only score.

Nottingham Panthers and Basingstoke Bison each won their only game of the weekend to stand level on six points with Cardiff at the head of the table. Ashley Tait, the Great Britain international forward, contributed four goals and an assist to Nottingham's 9-6 home win over Humberside Hawks, while Kevin Conway's four goals led Basingstoke to an 8-3 win over Milton Keynes.

Nottingham's chance of establishing a clear lead in the table vanished with the postponement of their away game to Durham Wasps. Durham, though, maintained their challenge to the front runners with a 9-5 victory away to Fife Flyers, aided by three goals and two assists from Kip Noble, the former Holland international. Durham moved into fourth place, while Fife remain at the foot of the table with Slough.

In the first division, Manchester Storm, the league newcomers, maintained their 100 per cent record with two crushing victories, 18-1 at home to Billingham Bombers and 12-5 away to Solihull Barons. Few can have been surprised when John Lawless, the Manchester coach, who has announced his retirement from playing at least once in each of the past three seasons, returned to the ice with two goals and three assists against Billingham and two goals and two assists at Solihull.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket

European under-21 championship
Group six
Rep of Ireland v Latvia (at Tallaght Park, Galway)

Group seven
Wales v Germany (at Cardiff Arms Park)

Under-21 international match
Norway v England (at Stavanger Stadium, 6.00)

B international
Sweden v Scotland (Stromvallam Stadium, Gavle, 7.00)

Auto Windscreens Shield
Southern section
Group four, first round
Wycombe v Fulham (7.45)

Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Woking (7.45)
Macclesfield v Morecambe (7.45)
Stalybridge v Gateshead (7.45)

Spalding Challenge Cup
First round, second leg
Dover (2) v Welling (1) (7.45)

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replay: Billericay v Chelmsford; Cinderford v Forest Green; Bideford v Melksham; Newport IoW v Thame (7.45).

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v Sutton United; St Albans v Enfield; Walton and Hersham v Dulwich (7.45). Yeading v Harrow. First division: Oxford City v Berkhamsted; Staines v Ruislip Manor; Tooting and Mitcham v Barton; Uxbridge v Abingdon Town. Third division: East Thurrock v Northwood, Hornchurch v Wingate and Finchley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Tonbridge Angels v Fisher 93; Dr Martens Cup: First round first leg: Witney v Gloucester.

UNIBOND LEAGUE. Premier division. Blyth Spartans v Finchley, Chorley v Bamber Bridge; Colwyn Bay v Winsford, Leek v Buxton; Matlock v Gainsborough, Spennymoor v Witton. First division: Fleetwood v Radcliffe, Gretna v Lancaster, Lincoln United v Farsley Celtic.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Blackburn (7.0); Second division: Coventry v Mansfield (7.0), Manchester City v Leicester (6.45). Rotherham v Grimsby (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Chelsea (7.0), Queens Park Rangers v Bristol Rovers (at Harrow Borough, 7.0); Watford v Arsenal (2.0); West Ham v Oxford Utd (7.0). League Cup: Torquay v Bath (7.0).

ULSTER CUP: Semi-finals: Crusaders v Linfield (at The Oval, Belfast).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Waltham Abbey v Basildon.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: O'Brien-McKenzie Butchers Cup: Arlesey Town v Royston; Biggleswade v Wolwyn Garden City; Dunstable v Harpenden, Langford v Bedford Spania; Letchworth Garden City v Toddington Potters Bar v London Colney; Shillington v Hoddesdon.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield v Bristol Manor Farm; Odd Down v Taunton.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Blackpool Mechanics v Delsy Hill; Cheadle v Nelson, Haslingden v Stalybridge.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v St Helens; Glossop North End v Nantwich; Kidsgrove v Bootle; Prescot v Clitheroe; Salford v Flixton; Blackpool Rovers v Chadderton; Newcastle Town v Skelmersdale; Trafford v Darwen. Second division: Oldham v Maghull.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division league cup: First round: Concord v Great Wakering; Maldon v Brentwood.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Sudbury; Res, March v Haverhill, Tiptree v Halstead, Wroxham v Watton. League Cup: First round: Bury Res v Wisbech, Great Yarmouth v Norwich United.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Ryde Sports v Brockenhurst.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Pagham; Burgess Hill v Mile Oak; Crowborough v Three Bridges, Langney Sports v Whitehawk; Ringmer v Eastbourne Town.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE. Premier division: Cogenhoe v Long Buckby; Newport Pagnell v Desborough; Spalding v Mirrlees Blackstone; Stamford v Boston; Wellingborough v Potton.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper Town v Dunlop; Hatfield Main v Thackley; Ossett Town v Goole.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE. First division: Ramsgate v Faversham Sheppey v Canterbury; Tunbridge Wells v Folkestone Invicta; Whitstable v Beckenham.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Crawley T v Brentford

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup
Group one
Australia v South Africa (at Gateshead, 8.15)

Group two
Papua New Guinea v Tonga (at The Boulevard, Hull, 6.15)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES. Aberavon v Ystradgynlais (7.0), Cross Keys v Crumlin (7.0); Oxford Univ v Bedford (7.30) Pontypridd v Pontypool (7.0); Cambridge Univ v Rosslyn Park (7.30), Nottingham v Loughborough Univ (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradford v Arena Essex (7.45)

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham)

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By Philip Howard

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a. A Nigerian language
b. A malignant spell
c. A theatrical award

SAJ
a. A chickpea bhaji
b. A massage strigil
c. The Indian laurel

RECHTSSTAAT
a. A Prussian sergeant-major
b. Righteousness
c. A country under law

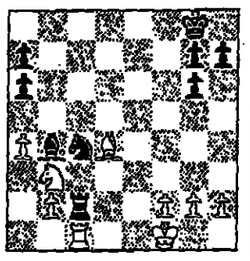
PROSSIE
a. Swiss drinking toast
b. A tart
c. A prosecuting attorney

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Short, *The Times* world championship, thirteenth game, 1993. Black has a tempting continuation in the form of 1 . . . Nd2+. Would he be well advised to take this route?



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IN BRIEF

Amateurs to tee off in Ireland

NORTHERN Ireland's restoration to the international golf arena has continued with the selection of the Royal County Down Club to host the 1999 Amateur Championship. The course last staged the championship in 1970, when the winner, for the fifth time in his career, was Michael Bonallack, now the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club.

The 1999 Amateur Championship will be held in the week starting May 31, with the two strokeplay qualifying rounds being staged at Royal County Down and Kilkeel.

Yankees sunk

Baseball: Seattle Mariners scored twice in the bottom of the eleventh innings to overcome the New York Yankees 6-5 on Sunday and clinch the American League divisional play-off series 3-2. The Mariners will play the Cleveland Indians, who swept past the Boston Red Sox, in the league championship series.

Stern test

Rifle shooting: Jonathan Stern, 30, of Harrow Rifle Club, will represent Great Britain at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, shooting 50 metres smallbore prone rifle. The British International Clay Target Shooting Federation also named Peter Boden, of Bedworth, for Olympic trap and Kevin Gill, of Birmingham, and Richard Faulds, of Handover, in the double trap.

Jansher cup ban

Squash: Jansher Khan, the world champion, has had a seven-match British Super League ban quashed on appeal. However, the Pakistani has instead been barred from appearing in the semi-finals and finals, next April, of the new national cup competition. Jansher was suspended earlier this year for allegedly not trying while playing for Wizards, the Bristol side.

National fervour fuels drive towards European championship finals

Croatia march in ticker-tape parade

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN SPLIT



Alessandro Del Piero, of Italy, scrambles past the challenge of Dubravko Pavlicic, the Croatia defender, during the 1-1 draw in Split

THE morning after the match, emotion spent, Croatia believed that they had done enough, in the 1-1 draw here against Italy on Sunday night, to start booking the tickets for the European championship finals on English soil next summer. I share that conviction, just as, over the past four days, I have shared what passes for life at "war" in the relatively new republic of Croatia.

The experience, the great goodwill of the people, has meant more than a rather tetchy, predictable and foul-ruined contest in the resplendent Poljud Stadium.

Rarely, anywhere over a quarter of century, has one witnessed such an outpouring of nationalistic expectation. It was summed up by an astonishing ticker-tape welcome to the teams, by the passing down from the higher echelons of a stadium a 40ft red and white flag, until Dr Franjo Tudjman, the president of the republic, himself laid hands on the national colours. There was a somewhat regrettable drowning with whistles and boos of the Italian anthem. Then, 20 white doves were released when Croatia equalised.

The football? Oh yes, that. Italy, having been beaten 2-1 by Croatia in Palermo last November, came in a state of neurosis. Their media had opined that, in the last year, of Arrigo Sacchi's side — one in which he has run so many permutations so that he now has awarded 48 new caps among 82 players used in four years — has "reached the point where the ability to invent had become a mortal sin. Everybody is afraid to improvise".

Not quite everybody. Luca Bucci, the goalkeeper of Parma, did that to illegal extremes in the ninth minute when he came seven yards out of his area and, fearing that Davor Suker would score from a long pass by Mladen Mladenovic, handled the ball above his head. Rightly, he was shown the red card.

Yet is any team in the world better able to retrench into a defensive game of cat and mouse than the Italians? They took off Gianfranco Zola to bring on Francesco Toldo, of Fiorentina, the reserve goalkeeper, and scored with a breakaway after half an hour.

Croatia's problems had been apparent throughout. They prepared in the luxurious seclusion of a villa in which Winston Churchill chose to rest after the Second World War, but there they nursed fears that injuries had come at the wrong time in their history. They lost Robert Prosinecki, their forward, whose muscles were memorably said to be of the constitution of Bohemian china. They also lost, through suspension, Robert Jarni, the dynamic and pacey left back, and Slaven Bilic, the left-sided half of the central defensive pair.

Whoever one spoke to in the Croatia camp feared this defensive loss above all and yet, on the morning of the match, Elvis Brajkovic also had to pull out, and Nikola Jurcevio, his replacement, was the weakness on which Italy preyed.

He was booked after barely three minutes and he committed the foul from which Italy scored, after Di Matteo side-footed the ball to Albertini, whose shot, in turn, was force and precision combined.

Now, we were to search for the answer for the time-honoured question about players of this Balkan turmoil. If Yugoslavia, when it was whole, could always flatter to deceive, could earn the nickname the European Brazil yet seldom win a contest because their minds or their hearts were not in it, then why should a breakaway region numbering less than five million produce such heart and soul and nerve? Strength of mind came rolling down from the 40,000 spectators. They sang a national song, the words of which allude to being champion, to having the spirit in their blood and to winning for the land of their grandfathers.

That is *hwyl*, the Welsh spirit, with an extra generation attached — and though the reply came from the penalty spot in the 49th minute, the fact that it was Davor Suker, scoring his fifteenth goal in 14 internationals for his "new" country, counted for everything.

A penalty is such a simple thing, except that, when the nation depends on it, when you have the absolute gall to fox the goalkeeper and everyone by striking it imperiously with the left foot, instead of the right for which you are famous, the word "soft" is as remote as the word "Yugoslav" was from everyone in earshot of Split on Sunday.

Because of this result, this apparent anti-climax to a phenomenal amount of national build-up and expectation, Croatia are virtually assured of qualifying for the finals. They stand three points ahead of Italy, eight goals the better and, even if Italy were to score floods of goals against Latvia and Ukraine, second place with 20 or more points ought to be sufficient.

This for a country whose leading club, Hajduk Split, having reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup last season, have had to sell seven of the 11 first-choice players and to import, on trial, two Liberians and an Australian. They are making something out of so very little, the Croatians — and Italy are making the usual neurotic mess out of what, for them, had been anticipated as a romp to the European finals.

Juninho's style captures the imagination



David Miller on Bryan Robson's audacious coup in persuading the Brazilian to join Middlesbrough

Bryan Robson, the manager of upwardly-mobile Middlesbrough, has adapted the maxim that if you cannot beat them, join them. Instead, persuade them to join you. The signing by Middlesbrough of Juninho, Brazil's mercurial footballer of the year, from São Paulo is the most audacious move in domestic English football since Keith Burkinshaw took Osvaldo Ardiles to Tottenham Hotspur in 1978.

As any sensible manager knows, skilful players have no difficulty playing together. They do so spontaneously. I well remember the Rest of the World XI of 1953 at Wembley, a scratch side in which the likes of Kubala and Nordahl mesmerised England with their touch game. Robson knows that a player such as Juninho can play anywhere. So why not Middlesbrough?

Robson, assistant coach to Terry Venables with the England team for the international in Norway tomorrow, has never had any doubt.

"When I went into management, I always thought I'd look at Brazilians," he said. "When people talk about the world's best players, they're always Brazilians. They're tough, mentally and physically. I've experienced this on the field. After spending the past week there [negotiating Juninho's transfer from São Paulo for £4.75 million], nothing has changed my mind. In the match I saw on Wednesday night, Juninho never stopped running."

There is no reason to suppose that this marvellous little Brazilian attacking player, moulded in the tradition of Tostão and Zico, will not be an outstanding success with Middlesbrough, for so long the poor relation of the North East's trio of leading clubs.

"If you buy the top players, you can be sure they'll play well," Robson said. He believes that, alongside Nick Barmby and others, Juninho can become as influential within the English game as Ardiles, Cantona or Klinsmann.

"I've got some players with good technique," Robson said yesterday, having just returned from São Paulo, where Juninho is gathering his things together before arriving with his family at the end of this week to undergo medical checks. "I think we [in Britain] diminish our own players too quickly, saying that they can't play."

Sir Alf Ramsey famously stated, after England returned empty-handed from their defence of the World Cup in 1970 in Mexico — undeservedly defeated in the quarter-final by West Germany in the tournament memorably won by Brazil — that England had nothing to learn from Brazilian footballers. Ramsey was duly pilloried for his comment, though what he had meant was that there was no point in England attempting to copy Brazil's style. That is true enough, but the benefit of the arrival of Juninho — who tormented England in the Umbro Cup this summer — is that he will, like Cantona, place a welcome emphasis on touch, subtlety and refinement instead of the mindlessly expedient long-ball game that afflicts so many of our teams.



Juninho: signed from São Paulo

Barmby, whose own career should flourish in such a partnership — Robson also plans to play Juninho in a midfield position moving forward — said yesterday: "I thought he was phenomenal in the summer, and it will be great to have the opportunity to play alongside him."

Sheridan joins list of Charlton's casualties

JOHN SHERIDAN, the Ireland midfield player, has been ruled out of their European football championship qualifying match against Latvia in Dublin tomorrow, a knee injury making him the third significant absentee from a game that Ireland must win to maintain a realistic chance of qualifying for the finals.

Roy Keane and Denis Irwin are also out of contention, but Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, had better news of Phil Babb, the Liverpool defender, who should have recovered from a bruised toe.

There was a blow, too, for Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, whose side could profit from any slip-up by their neighbours in group six. Jim Magilton, the Southampton midfield player, who injured a thigh in training on Sunday, remained behind when the squad flew out for their match in Liechtenstein. Keith Rowland, the West Ham United utility player, was called in.

Graham Barrow has been dismissed as manager of Wigan Athletic, the Endsleigh Insurance League third division club. Alex Cribley, the first-team coach, has been placed in temporary charge.

Dorset Police have referred to the Police Complaints Authority their inquiry into the incident last Tuesday in which Kevin Phillips, the Watford player, was allegedly struck by a police officer's truncheon at the end of the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Bournemouth.

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Jones seeks unification with Benn

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

ROY JONES, the International Boxing Federation super-middleweight champion, has called on Nigel Benn, the World Boxing Council title-holder, to hold talks on a unification match. If a bout with Benn could not be made, Jones would be willing to meet Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation champion, from Ireland.

Contracts that the boxers have with the Home Box Office (HBO) and Showtime, rival American television companies, have prevented them from meeting so far, but Jones believes that they can find a way round the problem, toward a contest that could earn Benn about £2.5 million.

Jones said that he would even go to Los Angeles to talk to Benn — and box on the Showtime network — if King made a realistic offer. "I like the biggest challenge," Jones said. "A lot of people take him lightly because of his age, but I would not do that."

Although Jones is the best boxer in the world at any weight, he is clearly finding it difficult to get opponents as the leading super-middleweights are boxing under King's banner or under that of Frank Warren, his partner.

Benn, however, could still share a $7 million purse if he were to meet Frankie Liles, the World Boxing Association champion. Liles, who had a win over Jones as an amateur, could be boxing Benn in January in London. King told Jack O'Halloran, Liles's manager. "It makes sense for Benn to have a unified title before taking on Roy Jones," O'Halloran said.

Fixtures/Results

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 6 New York 5 (11th inn, Seattle win best-of-five series 3-2).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Latvia 94 England 67; Italy 76 Slovenia 63; Greece 75 Israel 73

BOWLS

BALLYMONEY, Northern Ireland: Flogas Causeway Coast masters tournament: Final: R Corse (Scot) bt A Thomson (Eng) 21-18

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Rajkot (final day of three): New Zealanders 366-5 dec (M J Greatbatch 138) and 251-5 dec (M D Crowe 101 not out, S P Fleming 72), Indian Board President's XI 393-6 dec (R Dravid 145, M Azharuddin 100) Match drawn

CYCLING

DUITAMA, Colombia: World championships: Men's professional road race (265.5 kilometres): 1, A Olano (Sp) 7hr 09min 55sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp), 3, M Pantani (It), 4, M Gianetti (Swtz) all at 35sec, 5, P Richard (Swtz) at 53, 6, R Virenque (Fr) at 1min 31sec; 7, D Konyshev (Russ), 8, O Rincon (Col), 9, R Sorensen (Den), 10, F Puttini (Swtz) all at 1:53.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 4 Saudi Arabia 3 (in Washington)

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Blyth Spartans v Guiseley; Spennymoor v Lancaster Manne or Bleston v Bradford Park Avenue; Telford v Southport Winsford v Barrow or Durham, Macclesfield v Northwich or Eastwood Town; Witton v Morecambe, Stalybridge v Colwyn Bay; Runcorn v Hallas; Dagenham and Redbridge or Purfleet v Rushden and Diamonds; King's Lynn v Hednesford or Solihull, Aylesbury v Stevenage, Nuneaton v Evesham, Chelmsford or Billericay v Wisbech, Hayes v Sudbury Wanderers; Burton v Bracknell; Hitchin v St Albans; Kettering v Bromsgrove; Kingstonian v Trowbridge, Tiverton v Bognor Regis; Famborough v Yeovil; Thame or Newport (IoW) v Bashley, Yeading v Slough, Sutton United v Crawley, Gravesend and Northfleet v Marlow; Bromley or Stringbourne v Dorchester; Ashford v Aldershot Town; Forest Green or Cinderford v Bath.

Matches to be played on October 21.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Independiente 0 Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata 0 Lanus 1 San Lorenzo 3, Gimnasia de Jujuy 4 Rosario Central 2, Newell's Old Boys 3 Argentinos Juniors 2, Boca Juniors 1 Colon 0, Deportivo Español 0 River Plate 1; Platense 1 Velez Sarsfield 2.

GYMNASTICS

SABAE, Japan: World championships: Apparatus finals: Men: floor: 1, V Scherbo (Belo) 9.812; 2, Li Xiaoshuang (China) 9.775; 3, G Misutin (Ukr) 9.762. Pommel horse: 1, Li Donghua (Swtz) 9.762; 2, Huang Huadong (China) 9.737; 3, Y Hatakeda (Japan) 9.737. Women: Vault: 1, L Podkopayeva (Ukr) 9.781; S Amanar (Rom) 9.781; 3, G Gogean (Rom) 9.706.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 1 Ireland 0 (in Philadelphia). United States lead five-match series 2-0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 3 Edmonton 1, Florida 4 Calgary 3.

MOTORCYCLING

BARCELONA: World championship: European Grand Prix: 500cc: 1, A Criville (Sp) Honda, 45min 18.932 sec; 2, S Itoh (Japan) Honda, 45:17.092, 3, L Capirossi (It) Honda, 45:17.555, 4, M Doohan (Aus) Honda, 45:21.797, 5, D Beattie (Aus) Suzuki, 45: 22.132; 6, A Barros (Brazil) Honda, 45: 32.012 Leading final positions: 1, Doohan 248 pts; 2, Beattie 215, 3, L Cadalora (It) 178; 4, Criville 168; 5, Itoh 127, 6, Capirossi 108. 250 cc: 1, M Biaggi (It) Aprilia, 42:6.157; 2, T Harada (Japan) Yamaha, 42:17.188, 3, R Waldmann (Ger) Honda, 42:17.237; 4, L D'Antin (Sp) Honda, 42:27.886, 5, K Roberts (US) Yamaha, 42:27.974; 6, N Aoki (Japan) Honda, 42:28.776. Leading final positions: 1, Biaggi 283, 2, Harada 229, 3, Waldmann 205; 4, Tadayuki Okada (Japan) 136, 5, JP Ruggia (Fr) 115; 6, Aoki 105. 125cc: 1, H Aoki (Japan) Honda, 42:29.704; 2, E Alzamora (Sp) Honda, 42:29.862, 3, T Manako (Japan) Honda, 42:30.422; 4, K Sakata (Japan) Aprilia, 42:30.678, 5, D Raudies (Ger) Honda, 42:38.065, 6, Y Kato (Japan) Yamaha, 42:48.370. Leading final positions: 1, Aoki 224; 2, K Sakata (Japan) 140; 3, Alzamora 129; 4, Akira Saito (Japan) Honda, 127; 5, Raudies 124.5; 6, Perugini 118 points

MOTOR SPORT

SILVERSTONE: British Formula Three championship: Round 16 (14 laps): 1, W Hughes (GB) Mitsubishi, 13min 27.87sec; 2, H Castro Neves (Braz) Mugen Honda, at 0.67; 3, J Davies (GB) Mugen Honda, at 5.00; 4, J Matthews (GB) Mugen Honda, at 11.63; 5, G Rodriguez (Uru) Mitsubishi, at 13.02; 6, M Gene (Sp) Mugen Honda, at 13.32. Round 17 (16 laps): 1, O Gavin (GB) Vauxhall 17:20.55; 2, Matthews, at 2.86; 3, Hughes, at 2.91; 4, Davies, at 3.18; 5, D McAulay (GB) Mitsubishi, at 7.82; 6, C Da Matta (Brazil Mugen Honda, at 8.81. Leading positions: 1, R Firman (GB) Mugen Honda; Gavin 172pts; 3, Castro Neves 163; 4, Hughes 137; 5, J Dutour (Fr) Mugen Honda, 133.

NOGARO, France: International sportscar endurance championship: Eleventh round (150 laps): 1, A Wallace (GB)/O Grouillard (Fr) McLaren, 4hr 36.69sec; 2, J Nielsen (Den)/T Bscher (Ger) McLaren, at 1 lap, 3, R Belm (GB)/M Sala (Braz) McLaren, at 1 lap; 4, L Owen-Jones (GB)/F-H Raphanel (Fr) McLaren, at 1 lap. Leading positions: 1, Nielsen/Becher 227pts; 2, Belm/Sala 194, 3, L Brynes/E Calderari (Switz) 181.

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Agen 20 Grenoble 7; Toulon 28 Bayonne 23; Perpignan 23 Toulouse 11; Racing 18 Narbonne 25, Nice 37 Nimes 11. Pool two: Bourgoin 29 Castres 21; Colomiers 23 Brive 17; Pau 28 Dax 21; Rumilly 24 Montpellier 12; Begles-Bordeaux 22 Montferrand 14.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Milan 25 Rovigo 16; Benetton Treviso 31 Piacenza 7; Petrarca Padova 32 Calvisano 12; San Doné 27 Roma 18; Milano 6 L'Aquila 27; Livorno 22 Catania 23.

SOUTH AFRICA: Currie Cup: Eastern Province 6 Natal 35; Free State 10 Western Province 18.

NEW ZEALAND: First division: Semi-final: Auckland 60 North Harbour 26; Counties 32, Otago 41.

RIFLE SHOOTING

WARMINSTER: Royal Navy Air Command open rifle meeting: Grand aggregate: 1, CPO N Ball (Air Command) 382.114; 2, D Luckman (Somerset) 379.67; 3, A Dean (Hinks Mtg) 379.43. Tyro championship: 1, Lt S Rooe (Air Command) 372.31. Top O Class: .1, I Luckman (Somerset) 374.34. Pairs: 1, I and D Luckman 265; 2, Roots and Ball 296. Teams: 1, Somerset 1,137; 2, Air Command 1,116.

TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: LTA autumn satellite men's tournament (GB unless stated): First round: E Haussner (Fr) bt C Singer (US) 7-6, 7-6; A Rusli (US) bt S Hommel (Hol) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6; N Gould bt T Spinks 6-2, 7-5; J Fox bt J Delgado 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; N Weal bt A Parmar 6-3, 7-6; T Hand bt J Unterberger (Austria) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

PRAGUE: Men's tournament: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt O Jurecka (Cz) 6-1, 8-4; P Kubman (Ger) bt G Rusedski (GB) 1-6, 6-3, 7-6; J Winnink (Holl) bt J Frana (Arg) 3-6, 7-5, 7-6; P Rafter (Aus) bt T Nijssen (Holl) 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday October 14 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Aston Villa v Chelsea	1
2 Blackburn v South plon	1
3 Bolton v Everton	1
4 Leeds v Arsenal	X
5 Liverpool v Coventry	1
6 Man Utd v Man City	1
7 QPR v Newcastle	X
8 Tottenham v Notm F	1

Not on coupons: Sheffield Wednesday v Middlesbrough (Sunday); Wimbledon v West Ham United (Monday)

FIRST DIVISION

9 Grimsby v Oldham	2
10 Leicester v Charlton	X
11 Luton v West Brom	2
12 Norwich v Barnsley	1
13 Portsm'th v Birm ham	2
14 Reading v Hudd'field	X
15 Southend v Sheff Utd	1
16 Sunderland v Watford	1

Not on coupons: Derby v Ipswich; Millwall v Tranmere, Port Vale v C Palace (Sunday); Wolves v Stoke.

SECOND DIVISION

17 Blackpool v Chest'fld	1
18 Bournem'th v Barnsley	2
19 Bradford v Bristol R	1
20 Brighton v Swindon	2
21 Bristol C v Hull	1
22 Crewe v Carlisle	1
23 Notts Co v Rotherham	1
24 Peterboro v Swansea	1
25 Shrewsbury v York	X
26 Stockport v Brentford	1
27 Wrexham v Oxford	2
28 Wycombe v Walsall	X

THIRD DIVISION

29 Cardiff v Barnet	1
30 Darlington v Gillham	2
31 Doncaster v Hereford	X
32 Exeter v Wigan	1
33 Fulham v Bury	X
34 Hart'pool v Scunth'pe	1
35 Leyton O v Chester	1
36 Mansfield v Plymouth	2
37 North'pton v Camb'ge	1
38 Rochdale v Colch'ter	1
39 Scarboro v Lincoln	1
40 Torquay v Preston	X

SCOTTISH PREMIER

41 Celtic v Hibernian	1
42 Falkirk v Kilmarnock	1
43 Hearts v Raith	X
44 Motherwell v Aberdeen	2
45 Partick v Rangers	2

SCOTTISH FIRST

46 Airdrie v Clydebank	1
47 Dundee U v S Johns'n	1
48 Dunf'mline v Dundee	1
49 G Morton v Hamilton	1
50 St Mirren v Dumbarton	1

SCOTTISH SECOND

51 Ayr v Stenh'smuir	X
52 East Fife v Clyde	1
53 Montrose v Berwick	2
54 Stirling v O of South	1
55 Stranraer v Forfar	1

SCOTTISH THIRD

56 Albion v E Stirling	1
57 Alloa v Ross	X
58 Arbr'th v Queen's Pk	1

Not on coupons: Caledonian v Cowdenbeath; Livingston v Brechin

DRAWS (home teams): Leeds, Queens Park Rangers, Leicester, Reading, Shrewsbury, Wycombe, Doncaster, Fulham, Torquay, Hearts, Ayr, Alloa.
BEST DRAWS: Leeds, Leicester, Shrewsbury, Fulham, Hearts
AWAYS: Oldham, Birmingham, Swindon, Gillingham, Plymouth
HOMES: Aston Villa, Blackburn, Bolton, Tottenham, Bristol City, Stockport, Cardiff, Hartlepool, Scarborough, Dunfermline, East Fife, Arbroath.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Blackburn, Bolton, Cardiff, Stockport, Scarborough, Aways: Oldham, Birmingham, Plymouth. Draws: Leeds, Leicester, Shrewsbury.

☐ Vince Wright

☐ All three fixed odds away selections were correct last Saturday.

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OBIE
(c) One of a number of annual awards for off-Broadway experimental theatre productions, reproducing the pronunciation of OB, a colloquial abbreviation of "off-Broadway". "Last year several Obies, the prize theater awards normally reserved for the stalwarts of Off-Broadway, were given to OOB (sc. off-off-Broadway) veterans, among them actor Kevin O'Connor and playwright Sam Shepard."

SAJ
(c) The Indian laurel, *Terminalia tomentosa*, a tropical tree of the family Combretaceae, native to India and Burma, and bearing terminal spikes of yellow flowers, also, the dark hardwood produced by this tree and others of the genus. *Arabian Nights*: "Its door was of saj, adorned with brilliant gold."

RECHTSSTAAT
(c) A country in which the rule of law prevails, from the German *recht* the genitive of *recht* right + *staat* a state. 1935: "Being a Rechtsstaat, the modern state, the German state for example, stands within law and recognises legal limitations upon its own sovereign will."

PROSSIE
(b) A slang abbreviation of *prostitute*, also *pross, prozzy, prossy, prosty* and *prostie*. "The average prossy is very softie-hearted at the bottom of her."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Wyatt proposes race switching for jackpots

By Dick Hinder

LORD WYATT, keen to revitalise Tote jackpots, is considering amalgamating races from different daily meetings to produce regular larger pools.

The chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board, writing in *Equus*, the quarterly magazine circulated to members of the Tote Credit Club and the Racegoers Club, stated: "I am considering whether all races in a jackpot have to be at the same course. It could easily be contrived to select the races hardest to find six winners in from different courses and put them into one jackpot for the day. Obviously, we'll advertise where the six races would be."

Lord Wyatt, eager to get Ladbrokes and William Hill to join Tote Direct, believes the innovation would mean regular larger jackpots. He said: "The two biggest bookmakers would then be compelled by their customers' clamour to take jackpots, as they were to take Tote placepots."

The Tote chairman, 77, came in for heavy criticism last Spring when he transferred a large jackpot pool from Uttoxeter to Southwell. Defending his actions, he said: "Everyone loves big jackpots, including lottery and football punters. They don't happen unless they're difficult to win. Last March, I decided the jackpot wouldn't stay at Uttoxeter for its additional Monday meeting, but would go to Southwell where it looked harder. There was uproar from the armchair critics.

"But at Southwell on March 20 there was no winner, whereas £100,000 had depleted the pool through winning tickets at Uttoxeter the previous Saturday. Yet £537,621 arrived at Stratford on March 21, when the jackpot pool, unwon, doubled to £1,127,824. This would never have happened if the pool had stayed at Uttoxeter on the Monday."

Lord Wyatt continued: "I then chose the more difficult Exeter card in place of Towcester. More hullabaloo from racing journalists. It scarcely quietened when the pool rose to the record level of £2,050,652."

He also quoted another controversial decision to switch the jackpot from the second day of the Glorious Goodwood meeting to an Epsom fixture, which produced a much higher jackpot for the third day of Goodwood.

While selecting the hardest races each day from different meetings would indeed make for bigger jackpots, the appeal of finding six winners at one meeting persists and the complication of selecting at different venues may deter many.

LEADING jump jockey Norman Williamson could be out of action until the New Year after breaking his right femur at Sedgefield yesterday. Williamson appeared to be trampled on after he was thrown to the ground as Joe White fell at the second-last fence in the Kier North East Handicap Chase. Paramedics were quickly on the scene but it took more than 15 minutes before they were able to load the jockey into an ambulance and take him to hospital in Stockton.



JULIAN HERBERT

Double Trigger, who captured the Gold Cup at Ascot and Goodwood Cup earlier this term, will take his chance in the Melbourne Cup

Meanwhile, Mark Johnston and owner Ron Huggins have decided to let Double Trigger take his chance in the Foster's Melbourne Cup next month. They made their decision after watching the four-year-old colt perform in a gallop at Middleham yesterday. The announcement ends a week of speculation after the Ascot Gold Cup winner's below-par performance in the Prix du Cadran at Longchamp ten days ago.

Johnston yesterday reported the colt was over whatever ailed him in France. "We are now as near certain as we can be that the horse is perfectly well and we want to go.

Double Trigger is reportedly a notoriously lazy worker at home yet the trainer was still pleased with what he saw. "A gallop with him never really means a lot but it did show us that he wasn't blowing or coughing and he has scoped clean since France. We are now waiting on the decision of Dermot Weld as ours will travel with Vintage Crop," Johnston said.

That now seems likely, as Weld said yesterday: "It is likely that Vintage Crop will go with Double Trigger. Provided his back is alright after his last piece of work on Friday afternoon and the blood picture is clear he will be on his way."

The travelling partnership will halve the estimated £50,000 bill for transporting a horse to Melbourne, the bulk of which is taken up with the 26-hour freight return flight costs from London.

□ Balanchine, last season's Oaks and Irish Derby winner, has been retired to the paddocks. She finished a disappointing tenth behind Lammtarra in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

McCarthy fails test

SEAN McCARTHY has become the first jockey to fall foul of racing's newly-introduced random drug-testing. The apprentice will appear before the Jockey Club disciplinary committee tomorrow under the drugs protocol instituted last October.

Analysis by the medical control committee revealed traces of the banned substances cannabinoids and amphetamine in the urine sample McCarthy provided at Folkestone on August 15. McCarthy has been with Kevin McAuliffe, the Lambourn trainer, since July and has ridden five career winners.

Jockey Club guidelines suggest he would face suspension for up to a month if found guilty, but the imposition of penalties is not mandatory. The disciplinary committee may impose a greater or lesser penalty.

Leading figure of the turf dies

By Jack Waterman

A LEADING figure in the world of diamonds and prominent owner-breeder, Sir Philip Oppenheimer, 83, died on Sunday after a short illness.

Sir Philip was chairman of the Diamond Trading Company and a director of De Beers. He was knighted in 1970 for his services to UK exports, and was a member of the Jockey Club. He had horses with Geoffrey Wragg (and before that, with Geoffrey's father, Harry) and with Roger Charlton.

He owned some smart performers, notably Ile De Bourbon, whom he had taken over as a four-year-old and who won him the 1979 Coronation Cup.

Pelerin was another high-class horse to carry the well-known Oppenheimer colours of black and white halves, red cap. He captured no fewer than four pattern races in 1981, including the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot and the group one Grosser Preis von Baden.

Meanwhile, On The House caused a 33-1 shock in the 1,000 Guineas the following season when she beat the subsequent Oaks winner, Time Charter, and then went on to take the Sussex Stakes.

Other successful Oppenheimer fillies included African Dancer (Oaks third and Park Hill Stakes 1976); Dancing Rocks (Nassau Stakes 1982) and the ill-fated Sally Rous (Jersey Stakes 1990).

THUNDERER

2.15 Cuango. 2.45 Celtic Fringe. 3.15 Chili Heights. 3.45 Yubralee. 4.15 Subzero. 4.45 Chalamont. 5.15 Sing With The Band.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Celtic Fringe.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 FONTHILL HANDICAP (£4,060: 1m 4f 23yd) (18 runners)

1 (15) 1/1-4000 DREAMS END 9 (D,G,S) (T Price) J Bradley 7-10-0 ... J D Smith (5) 86
2 (12) 441402 SNOWY PETREL 11 (D,F) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 3-9-10 ... K Darley 90
3 (1) 4-042 JAGELLON 13 (D Dear) W Muir 4-9-9 ... J Reid 85
4 (13) 214303 GLORIANA 11 (V,S) (I Bladen) Lady Herries 3-9-7 ... R Cochrane 91
5 (9) 44310 TAPPETO 38 (F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 3-9-6 ... W Newnes 89
6 (15) 00-0308 KOATHARY 13 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 4-9-2 ... J Carroll 86
7 (6) 0-0260 NESSUN DORO 13 (P Porter & Partners) S Mellor 3-9-3 ... M Wigham 92
8 (11) 0000-00 COLONEL COLT 174 (P Holder) R Dickin 4-8-7 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 91
9 (4) 346000 CUANGO 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Barouche Stud Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-8-5 ... W Ryan 88
10 (10) 655004 UNCHARTED WATERS 13 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-5 ... S Davies 93
11 (3) 315000 FABULOUS MTOTO 166 (D,G) (Mrs D Saunders) M Saunders 5-8-5 ... J F Egan –
12 (18) 8114-00 GRANBY BELL 167 (CD,G) (H Watson) P Hayward 4-8-3 ... P Fessey (5) 82
13 (7) 61-000 BALLYMAKELLY 98 (S) (Y Y Partnership) R Akehurst 3-8-3 ... S Sanders 88
14 (2) 54058-0 EL VOLADOR 13 (D,F,G) (A Pelosi) R O'Sullivan 8-8-2 ... G Hind 86
15 (8) 03420-0 MORSTOCK 197 (Mrs M Fairholm) R Hodges 5-8-2 ... S Drowne (3) 85
16 (14) 006650 TRIPLE TIE 10 (G) (Chapside Syndicate) M Blanshard 4-7-11 ... J Quinn 98
17 (5) 00000-0 IRREPRESSIBLE 7 (R Callow) K Bishop 4-7-11 ... N Adams 86
18 (17) 353060 JEAN DE FLORETTE 26 (J Purcell) C Dwyer 4-7-7 ... N Kennedy 85

Long handicap: Jean De Florette 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Snowy Petrel, 5-1 Tappeto, 6-1 Gloriana, 7-1 Jagellon, 8-1 Ballymakelly, 10-1 Cuango, Uncharted Waters, 12-1 Morstock, Granby Bell, 14-1 others.

1994: GRANBY BELL 3-7-7 R Street (10-1) P Hayward 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

SNOWY PETREL ½l 2nd of 9 to Mandhoof in Goodwood handicap (1m 4f, good) with GLORIANA (1lb better off) neck 3rd. JAGELLON ½l 2nd of 11 to Eden Heights in Folkestone apprentices' maiden (1m 4f, soft). TAPPETO beat Saluka ½l in 9-runner Nottingham handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. CUANGO beat Exemption short-head in 16-runner course and distance handicap (good) with GRANBY BELL (22lb worse off) neck and ½l 4th, TRIPLE TIE (9lb better off) 7l 7th and COLONEL COLT (5lb worse off) 15l 14th. UNCHARTED WATERS 11¼l 4th of 14 to Polly Peculiar in Folkestone stakes (1m 1f 149yd, soft).
Selection: SNOWY PETREL

2.45 SWETTENHAM FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,178: 1m 2f 36yd) (4 runners)

1 (2) 2410 CELTIC FRINGE 78 (BF,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-12 ... W Ryan 90
2 (3) 1-03006 STRUTTING 10 (G) (M Grant) R Hannon 8-11 ... J Reid 99
3 (4) 2-002 MISS HAVERSHAM 52 (Tidby Racing) C Cyzer 8-10 ... K Darley 90
4 (1) 00 OZUBECK 18 (H Kawaharu) B Hanbury 8-10 ... A Whelan (5) –

BETTING: Evens Celtic Fringe, 5-2 Miss Haversham, 3-1 Strutting, 20-1 Ozubeck.

1994: MORGANA 9-2 J Reid (5-2) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELTIC FRINGE beat Cypbell 6l in 6-runner maiden at Warwick (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. STRUTTING about 12½l 6th of 9 to Revere in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). MISS HAVERSHAM 5l 2nd of 10 to Grahwah in maiden at Sandown (1m, good to firm) with OZUBECK 16l 10th.
Selection: STRUTTING

3.15 ANNUAL FLAT v JUMP JOCKEYS CHALLENGE (Handicap: £2,468: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

1 (10) 000008 JIBEREEN 10 (BF,G,S) (P Skelton) G Lewis 3-11-10 ... D Murphy (5) 90
2 (11) 235351 BIRCHWOOD SUN 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Watson) M Dods 5-11-10 ... J Williams 99
3 (12) 350200- KELLY MAC 1763 (D,F,G) (Mrs V O'Brien) D O'Brien 5-11-5 ... G McCourt (5) 91
4 (1) 640-001 COMEONUP 159 (CD,G,S) (M Carver) J Bradley 4-11-5 ... B Powell (5) 87
5 (7) 456610 FIRST GOLD 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) (K Standen) J Wharton 6-11-3 ... J Reid 95
6 (9) 430040 CEE-JAY-AY 18 (D,F,G,S) (R Jiels) J Berry 8-11-3 ... C Llewellyn (5) 96
7 (8) 080008 SHEPHERD MARKET 13 (D,F,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-11-3 ... R Cochrane 85
8 (5) 400000 WARNING SHOT 38 (G) (Continental Racing) M Meade 8-11-1 ... J Osborne (5) 92
9 (3) 436060 ASTRAL INVADER 12 (F,S) (R Kelly) M Saunders 3-10-13 ... W Ryan 98
10 (6) 209800 GREAT HALL 13 (F,G) (Miss M Foster) P Cundell 6-10-13 ... B Bradley (5) 96
11 (2) 623065 CHILI HEIGHTS 13 (V,D,G,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 5-10-12 ... K Darley 94
12 (4) 0300 TRY-HAITAI 80 (Food Brokers) R Akehurst 4-10-11 ... T Williams 86

BETTING: 7-2 Cee-Jay-Ay, 4-1 Birchwood Sun, 5-1 Jibereen, 7-1 Try-Haitai, 8-1 Comeonup, First Gold, 10-1 Chili Heights, 12-1 Shepherd Market, 14-1 others.

1994: FIRST GOLD 5-11-1 W Newnes (6-1 jt-fav) J Wharton 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIRCHWOOD SUN beat Murray's Mazda 4l in 16-runner amateurs' handicap at Newcastle (7f, good). COMEONUP beat Sharp Rebuff 2½l in 18-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good). FIRST GOLD beat Guesstimation ½l in 16-runner seller at Yarmouth (7f, good) on penultimate start. CEE-JAY-AY about 1¼l 4th of 18 to Scaraben in handicap at Ayr (1m, good) penultimate start. SHEPHERD MARKET 6¾l 6th of 16 to Dare Sparrow in handicap at Folkestone (6f, soft) with GREAT HALL (2lb better off) 14¾l 14th. CHILI HEIGHTS 3¾l 6th of 16 to Bibliotheque in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to soft).
Selection: BIRCHWOOD SUN

3.45 GAINSBOROUGH SELLING STAKES (£2,745: 1m 14yd) (20 runners)

1 (13) 615000 DARING RYDE 35 (D,G) (Mrs L Barratt) J Smith 4-9-7 ... J D Smith (5) 79
2 (15) 00136P DOWSONG 20 (F) (Fairy Story Partnership) R Akehurst 4-9-7 ... R Perham 99
3 (5) 040000 COOL TACTICIAN 8 (G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 3-9-3 ... W Ryan 82
4 (12) 100502 JACKATACK 16 (D,G) (P Taplin) M Channon 3-9-3 ... J F Egan 82
5 (11) 100600 MEDIA EXPRESS 10 (G) (Consultco Ltd) M Brittain 3-9-3 ... R Cochrane 95
6 (16) 500135 YUBRALEE 19J (D,G) (D Johnson) M Pipe 3-9-3 ... J Reid 96
7 (2) 353538 BEST KEPT SECRET 38 (F,G,S) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 4-9-2 ... P Fessey (5) 89
8 (7) 22523-0 CAUSLEY 43 (D,F,G,S) (P West) D Hyde 10-9-2 ... B Powell 86
9 (1) 000500 KISSAVOS 66 (CD,F,G) (C Elsey) C C Elsey 9-9-2 ... S Sanders 73
10 (19) 064441 NOEPROB 101 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Bradshaw) R Hodges 5-9-2 ... DOUBTFUL 75
11 (20) 415000 OFF THE AIR 13 (D,G,S) (E O'Malley) B Llewellyn 4-9-2 ... T Williams 70
12 (6) 000200 SEA SPOUSE 27 (G) (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 4-9-2 ... J Quinn 74
13 (17) 605100 HUNZA STORY 43 (F) (M Meula) N Littmoden 3-8-12 ... C Adamson (7) 76
14 (3) 010000 MIXED MOOD 10 (G) (Millstream Associates) B Llewellyn 3-8-12 ... V Slattery 77
15 (10) 060003 PASH 16 (V,D,S) (C Barber-Lomax) C Fairhurst 3-8-12 ... N Kennedy 71
16 (8) 000- AIR OF MYSTERY 351 (London Bridge Partnership) N Berry 3-8-7 ... N Adams –
17 (9) 1 CELESTIAL WATERS (Group 1 Racing (1994) Ltd) A James 3-8-7 ... M Wigham –
18 (18) 000 MOST BECOMING 18 (V) (A Brooke Rankin) J Arnold 3-8-7 ... J Carroll –
19 (4) 0 MY JAZZMYN 35 (E Pasquill) D O'Brien 3-8-7 ... Dane O'Neill (5) –
20 (14) 006000 PACIFIC OVERTURE 43 (B) (R Barwell) C Barwell 3-8-7 ... J Williams 88

BETTING: 3-1 Dowsong, 4-1 Jackatack, 9-2 Yubralee, 7-1 Sea Spouse, 8-1 Best Kept Secret, 10-1 Causley, 12-1 Hunza Story, Pacific Overture, 14-1 others.

1994: CAPE PIGEON 9-9-2 N Carlisle (5-1) L Cottrell 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOWSONG best recent effort when ½l 3rd of 7 to Takhlid in handicap at Brighton (7f, firm). JACKATACK head 2nd of 8 to Benjarong in claimer at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good) with PASH (6lb better off) 2½l 3rd. YUBRALEE beat effort, beat Komodo 4l in 10-runner claimer at Sandown (1m, good). BEST KEPT SECRET 3½l 3rd of 9 to Winter Scout in apprentices' claimer at Newcastle (6f, good) on penultimate start. HUNZA STORY best recent effort, beat Miss Felixstowe short-head in 16-runner Ripon selling handicap (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: YUBRALEE

4.15 LESTER PIGGOTT ALL-AGED CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,223: 6f 16yd) (8 runners)

1 (6) 124414 COFFEE 'N CREAM 27 (D,F,G) (A Reeves) R Hannon 3-8-11 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 99
2 (1) 143-323 SUBZERO 7 (F) (P Savill) M Stoute 3-8-5 ... K Darley 93
3 (5) 05 BARRANAK 28 (M MacCarthy) Mrs M McCourt 3-9-3 ... W Newnes 75
4 (2) 00 GOVERNORS FORTUNE 15 (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 3-9-3 ... B Powell –
5 (8) MONTY (Wideways Racing) D Chappell 3-9-3 ... T Sprake –
6 (7) CASSIMERE (Mrs D Ellis) D Chappell 3-8-12 ... R Cochrane –
7 (3) 141104 NO MONKEY NUTS 6 (D,F) (Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 2-8-4 ... J Carroll 88
8 (4) 0 ANDSOME BOY 10 (Select Partnership) C Barwell 2-7-12 ... N Adams –

BETTING: 5-4 Coffee 'N Cream, 2-1 Subzero, 4-1 No Monkey Nuts, 12-1 Cassimere, Monty, 16-1 others.

1994: DOUBLE BLUE 5-9-6 D Casey (11-4) M Johnston 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

COFFEE 'N CREAM beat Anzio 2½l in 11-runner Ascot handicap (5f, good) penultimate start. SUBZERO 4l 2nd to Art of War in Hamilton conditions race (6f, good) penultimate start. Previously 5l 3rd of 7 to Carranita in Yarmouth conditions race (6f, good) with COFFEE 'N CREAM ¾l 4th. BARRANAK 2¾l 5th of 13 to Spaniards Close in Sandown claimer (5f, good). NO MONKEY NUTS 5¾l 4th to Dashing Blue in York nursery (6f, good).
Selection: SUBZERO

4.45 WHITSBURY MANOR FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,648: 6f 16yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 4421 CHALAMONT 7 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 ... J Reid 99
2 (6) 1 POLISH SPRING 10 (D,F) (Marston Stud) B Hills 8-13 ... J D Smith (5) 98
3 (3) 1 TRAFALGAR LADY 10 (D,G) (W Armitage) R Charlton 8-13 ... K Darley 80
4 (2) CHARLTON IMP (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-9 ... J Williams –
5 (7) 0 LITTLE MILLIE 106 (T Pearce) P Hayward 8-9 ... P Fessey (5) –
6 (4) 150310 SUBFUSK 14 (D,G) (Mrs J Seton) W G M Turner 8-9 ... A Daly (7) 75
7 (5) 06 WILDWOOD FLOWER 12 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-9 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 70

BETTING: 7-4 Chalamont, 5-2 Trafalgar Lady, 11-4 Polish Spring, 10-1 Wildwood Flower, 12-1 Subfusk, 25-1 Charlton Imp, 33-1 Little Millie.

1994: SYLVANDRA 8-13 J Williams (7-1) P Murphy 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHALAMONT beat Hutm 9l in 7-runner maiden at Bedcar (5f, firm). POLISH SPRING beat Oneforthe-ditch 1l in 17-runner Newmarket maiden (6f, good to firm). TRAFALGAR LADY beat Mimosa 1l in 7-runner Goodwood maiden (6f, soft). CHARLTON IMP (foaled Feb 3; cost 20,000gns). Half-sister by Imp Society to several winners in North America. LITTLE MILLIE 14l 11th of 19 to Crocodile Shoes in maiden auction at Windsor (5f, good to firm). SUBFUSK beat Bold Times 2½l in 5-runner seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) penultimate start. WILDWOOD FLOWER 5l 6th of 16 to Angaar in maiden at Lingfield (5f, soft).
Selection: CHALAMONT (nap)

5.15 BLOOMSBURY HANDICAP (£3,474: 5f 16yd) (20 runners)

1 (12) 000002 LEIGH CROFTER 22 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 6-10-0 ... D Griffiths (5) 97
2 (7) 50-0025 PHARAOH'S DANCER 9 (G,S) (Pharaohs Competors) P Burgoyne 8-10-0 ... D Gibbs (5) 86
3 (6) 182630 MILLESIME 29 (CD,F) (Royal Ascot) B Hanbury 3-9-13 ... A Whelan (5) 94
4 (1) 000000 PRIMA SILK 28 (D,F,G) (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 4-9-11 ... M Baird (5) 96
5 (10) 226404 TINKER OSMASTON 11 (D,F) (J Lull) M Saunders 4-9-9 ... J F Egan 95
6 (2) 004220 DANCING SIOUX 12 (Lord Matthews) R Guest 3-9-8 ... L Charnock 92
7 (20) 003224 WALK THE BEAT 82 (D,F,G,S) (Country Life Partners) M Meade 5-9-8 ... V Slattery 95
8 (3) 0-02336 TO THE ROOF 26 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-9-7 ... G Hind 95
9 (17) 320200 FRIENDLY BRAVE 11 (G) (Grid Racing) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-6 ... S Sanders 96
10 (13) 042210 GRAND CHAPEAU 20 (D,F) (B Whitworth) R Hannon 3-9-3 ... Dane O'Neill (5) 90
11 (11) 131552 MALIBU MAN 11 (D,G) (Church Racing Partners) S Mellor 3-9-2 ... T Sprake 99
12 (19) 641532 SING WITH THE BAND 19 (D,G) (D Allen) B McMahon 4-9-1 ... J Reid 98
13 (9) 350045 HALLIARD 76 (D,G) (Red Hill Partnership) T Jones 4-9-0 ... R Perham 93
14 (8) 320002 DOMICKSKY 9 (D,F,G,S) (Miss M Hacker) M Channon 7-8-12 ... P P Murphy (5) 96
15 (15) 258300 MY CHERRYWELL 36 (D,S) (Mrs C Owen) L Lloyd-James 5-8-11 ... T Williams 89
16 (16) 504030 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 11 (B,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 3-8-11 ... K Darley 93
17 (5) 510024 POYLE JEZEBELLE 13 (F) (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 4-8-9 ... J Quinn 96
18 (18) 640005 BOLD GEM 10 (B,CD,F,S) (F Wilson) B Meehan 4-8-9 ... G Hannon (7) 90
19 (14) 030406 RISKY ROYAL 322 (Mrs S Sheldon) T Naughton 3-8-9 ... J D Smith (5) 89
20 (4) 054230 LLOC 12 (D,S) (J Purcell) C Dwyer 3-8-9 ... C Dwyer 93

BETTING: 8-1 Malibu Man, 9-1 Leigh Crofter, Domicksky, 10-1 Grand Chapeau, Poyle Jezebelle, Sing With The Band, 12-1 Walk The Beat, Runs In The Family, 14-1 others.

1994: NILDEE LAD 4-9-13 J Williams (6-1 fav) A Jones 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

LEIGH-CROFTER 1¾l 2nd of 23 to Followmegirls in handicap at Leicester (5f, soft). DANCING SIOUX 1¾l 2nd of 15 to Allyana in maiden at Beverley (5f, good) on penultimate start. TO THE ROOF short-head and ¾l 3rd of 17 to Inchester Lass in handicap at Leicester (5f, good) on penultimate start. GRAND CHAPEAU beat Colston-C short-head in 8-runner handicap at Windsor (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
MALIBU MAN 1¾l 2nd of 25 to Rhythmic Dancer in Goodwood handicap (5f, good to soft) with TINKER OSMASTON two short-heads 4th, FRIENDLY BRAVE (6lb better off) 5l 14th and RUNS IN THE FAMILY (3lb better off) 3½l 18th. SING WITH THE BAND short-head 2nd of 18 to Royal Dome in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good). DOMICKSKY 2l 2nd of 12 to Bowden Rose in handicap at Brighton (5f 59yd, good). RUNS IN THE FAMILY 4l 3rd of 29 to Portelet in handicap at Ayr (5f, good) penultimate start with DOMICKSKY (1lb better off) 18l 24th.
Selection: SING WITH THE BAND

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Stoute	8	22	36.4	W Ryan	9	48	18.8
H Cecil	11	35	31.4	G Hind	4	22	18.2
J Berry	7	26	26.9	J Reid	16	104	15.4
B Meehan	3	13	23.1	T Sprake	12	78	15.4
R Charlton	4	19	21.1	R Perham	8	68	11.8
H Candy	9	44	20.5	S Davies	3	27	11.1

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Nap: Sing With The Band (5.15 Chepstow)

Next best: Curtelace (3.00 Leicester)

Thunderer put up a fine exhibition of tipping at Leicester yesterday, selecting the winners of five of the eight races. Hatta Breeze (10-1) led the way, supplemented by Bentico (8-1), Night Wink (8-1), Flyfisher (9-2) and Willie Rushton (7-2).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good

2.00 (1m 8yd) 1, HATTA BREEZE (W Carson, 10-1); 2, Misty Silks (A Clark, 7-1 jt-fav); 3, Broughton's Pride (Dane O'Neill, 7-1 jt-fav); 4, Fairelaine (J Tate, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Chantry Bellini, Racing Brenda, 10 Heathyards Lady, 12 Glowing Jade, Total Rach (6th), 16 French Ginger, Mnemonic, 20 Kilnamartyra Girl, Lucidity, Merlin's Fancy, Phase One, Run-Do-Run (r), Thatcher's Era (5th), 25 Mazilla, White Heat, 33 Sweet Allegiance. 20 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l, 1½l, ½l, 1½l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote £11.60; £2.70, £1.50, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £49.00. Trio £288.20. CSF: £28.47. Tricast: £497.71.

2.30 (1m 8yd) 1, BENTICO (J Weaver, 8-1); 2, Another Time (W Woods, 7-1 jt-fav); 3, Michellisa (W Carson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-1 jt-fav Lebudd, 8 Tragic Hero, 9 Swinging Sixties (4th), 10 Calder King (5th), H'Ani, Twice Purple (6th), 11 Souperficial, 14 Autumn Cover, 16 Hawwam, 20 Our Robert, Wandering Minstrel, 25 Best Of Bold, Komlemelle, Move Smartly, Our Tom, 33 Harvest Reaper, Highland Magic. 20 ran. 3l, ½l, 1¼l, ½l, nk. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £9.30; £3.90, £3.60, £4.10. DF: £92.80. Trio £220.80. CSF £66.07.

3.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, WILLIE RUSHTON (S Whitworth, 7-2 fav); 2, Young Butt (A Whelan, 14-1); 3, Yellow Dragon (P Eddery, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Thornloun Estate (4th), 5 Velvet Jones (6th), 10 La Haye Sainte, Priddy Fair, 14 Lindas Delight (5th), Moylough Rebel, Pulga Circo, 16 Just Another High, Subtle One, 20 Belle's Boy, 25 Illegally Yours, 33 Canwyn's Choice, Come On In, Fortendo, Northern Sky, Prime Connections. 19 ran. 5l, 1¾l, 1½l, 2l, 1¾l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote £4.00; £1.90, £5.70, £2.50. DF: £29.90. Trio £97.20. CSF: £57.79.

3.30 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, FLYFISHER (Paul Eddery, 9-2); 2, Dismissed (W Carson, 7-2); 3, Do Not Disturb (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Diego (4th), 8 Canon Can, 16 Roseberry Avenue (6th), 25 Kinnescash, 33 Zaforum (5th), 50 Sally's Twins. 9 ran. Sh hd, 6l, ½l, 1½l, 2¾l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.90; £1.20, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £10.30. Trio: £5.70. CSF: £20.92.

4.00 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, SLAPY DAM (P Fessey, 8-1); 2, Beauchamp Jade (W Newnes, 14-1); 3, Monarch (L Dettori, 13-8 fav); 4, Soviet Bride (A Daly, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Leading Spirit, 10 Dioto, George Bull, Merit, 14 Dont Shoot Fairies, Love The Blues, Paradise Waters, 16 Sparrowhawk (5th), 20 Grooms Gold, Slaney Project, United Front, 25 Cross Talk, 33 Last Roundup, 100 Royrace. 18 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. J Mackie at Church Broughton. Tote £10.00; £1.40, £2.60, £1.40, £3.30. DF: £103.10. CSF: £124.11. Tricast: £260.07.

4.30 (7f 9yd) 1, OLEANA (K Darley, 9-2); 2, Introducing (L Dettori, 5-4 fav); 3, Peppers (R French, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Madame Steinlen (5th), 13-2 Little Black Dress (4th), 12 Fancy Heights (6th), 20 Mignonnette, Shirley Sue, 33 Conwy, Tashjir, 50 Dance Across, Inca Bird, Polar Spirit, Stolen Music, Tiama, Uplift, 66 Kings Nightclub, 100 Mogin. 18 ran. 2l, 5l, nk, 2¾l, 1¾l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £7.90; £1.80, £1.30, £14.50. DF: £12.70. Trio: £342.30. CSF: £10.72.

5.00 (7f 9yd) 1, NIGHT WINK (Martin Dwyer, 8-1); 2, Godmersham Park (R Havlin, 11-4 fav); 3, Prudent Princess (C Webb, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Karaar (6th), 7 Relentless, 10 Rockusa (5th), 12 Barbrallen, 25 It Is Now, Rolling Settlement, Sandra Dee, 33 Arecibo, Axed Again, Crowning Tino, Desert Water, Lady Kate, Logie Pert Lad, Mamie La Bow (4th), Oscilights Gift, Sun Circus. 19 ran. NR: Adamton. 4l, 2l, 5l, 1¾l, shd. D Nicholls at Thirsk. Tote: £8.30; £2.20, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £17.50. Trio: £27.00. CSF: £30.45.

5.30 (7f 9yd) 1, FAIRLIGHT DOWN (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, Academy Of Dance (J Weaver, 12-1); 3, Teedik (W Carson, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 High Note (4th), 10 Opalette (6th), Sandicliffe, 14 Age Of Reality, Alreeh (5th), My Emma, 16 Snareda, Tuna, 20 Another Quarter, My Millie, 25 Dnithoime, Miss Prism, 33 Amelanchier, Spiral Flyer, 50 Alsover. 18 ran. 2¾l, sh hd, sh hd, 1¾l, 2l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.20; £2.10, £5.30, £1.40. DF: £50.60. Trio: £23.30. CSF: £50.48.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £20,991.33 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £16.70. Quadpot: £2.70.

Sedgefield

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Souson (D Ryan, 4-1); 2, Balzino (4-1); 3, Fiery Sun (6-1). Skolern 11-8 fav (pu). 6 ran. 5l, 2½l. J Wade. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £8.80. CSF £18.83.

2.45 (3m 3f ch) 1, Ifiese (Mr R Johnson, 20-1); 2, Coup De Catherine (12-1); 3, Blazing Dawn (9-2). Rusty Blade 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Crown Eyeglass. 3½l, 3½l. P Bowen. Tote: £13.10; £8.80, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £69.40. Trio: £60.90. CSF £207.64. Tricast: £1,155.18.

3.15 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Nocatchim (A S Smith, 13-8 fav); 2, Stags Fell (12-1); 3, Goldmire (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Flash Of Realm, Hadi. 3l, 20l. K Morgan. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £5.70, £2.90. DF: £33.90. Trio: £142.30. CSF £25.67.

3.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Kinoko (M A Fitzgerald, 4-1); 2, Master Of The Rock (9-4); 3, Gemikosix (2-1 fav). 6 ran. 3l, hd. K Hogg. Tote: £4.10; £2.90, £1.20. DF: £3.80. CSF: £13.08.

4.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Oakley (B Storey, 5-4 fav); 2, Plucky Punter (4-1); 3, Moon Castle (20-1). 7 ran. NR: Joestone, Kilmor Lad, The Toaster. 8l, 6l. D Smith. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.40. Trio: £42.50. CSF: £7.03.

4.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Pats Minstrel (M A Fitzgerald, 13-8); 2, Rupples (8-11 fav); 3, Another Red (6-1). 3 ran. NR: Beldine, Wee River. 2½l, 20l. R Champion. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.09.

5.15 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Sir Gymcrak (M Dwyer, 10-1); 2, Duke Of Perth (10-11 fav); 3, M-I-Five (8-4). 10 ran. NR: Brood Outlook. 4l, 1¼l. G Holmes. Tote: £9.10; £2.70, £1.00, £1.40. DF: £10.10. Trio: £4.20. CSF: £20.68.

Placepot: £489.70. *Quadpot: £59.40.*

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

DUBAI CHAMPION STAKES
Newmarket, October 14

GUIDE TO THE PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Bahri	9-4	9-4	2-1	9-4
Tamure	5-2	11-4	5-2	11-4
Riyadian	3-1	3-1	9-2	7-2
Spectrum	5-1	5-1	9-2	6-1
Flemensfirth	10-1	8-1	10-1	12-1
Germany	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Fahal	14-1	14-1	16-1	12-1
La Confederation	14-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Montjoy	33-1	33-1	25-1	40-1
Alriffa	33-1	33-1	33-1	33-1
Environment Friend	50-1	50-1	50-1	50-1

WITH the supplementary entries of Riyadian and Germany to bolster the field, the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday is, even without Halling, a race of real championship quality.

Last month's impressive Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner Bahri heads the betting, but he had his limitations over this trip exposed by Halling at York, and is likely to be found wanting if there is a strong early pace.

Tamure suffered his only defeat when runner-up in the Derby and is open to further improvement. He showed plenty of pace when beating Spectrum by a neck in a slowly run race at Longchamp last time, and should confirm the form in spite of a 7lb swing in the weights. The 11-4 on offer is fair, as it would be no surprise if he started favourite.

Riyadian showed improved form when tackling soft ground at Ascot, but is unlikely to encounter those conditions here with the end-of-year heatwave forecast to last until Friday at least, while the inventively named German runner, Germany, also appears best with some cut.

Hamdan Al-Maktoum, the owner of Bahri, has a strong second string to his bow. Fahal led until inside the final furlong before fading into fourth in the Derby, two lengths behind Tamure. He has won only once in his three starts since, but his two defeats are readily explained, as in both cases he refused to settle behind a pedestrian early pace. Given a true test on Saturday he will have every chance of reversing Derby form with Tamure, yet is available at more than five times the price. FAHAL rates outstanding each-way value at 16-1 with Ladbrokes, who will again refund stakes on non-runners.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Ironheart. 2.00 Masehaab. 2.30 BLUSHING GRENADIER (nap). 3.00 Curtelace. 3.30 Sea Victor. 4.00 Tawafek. 4.30 Domak Amaam. 5.00 Dee-Lady.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 ALJAWAB.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 CAPE COLONY (nap). 4.30 Domak Amaam.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.30 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £4,013: 7f 9yd) (14 runners)

101 (10) 24 ASHJAR 20 H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... R Hills 99
102 (2) BALLADUR H Cecil 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –
103 (8) BELOW THE RED LINE (V) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 ... S Williams –
104 (13) 38 CALLALOO 26 Mrs J Cecil 8-11 ... T Ives 98
105 (14) 0 DON MICHELETTO 24 G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills –
106 (3) 00 GEE GEE TEE 13 J Akehurst 8-11 ... S Whitworth 69
107 (6) 4 IRONHEART 81 J Gosden 8-11 ... L Dettori 97
108 (12) JACKSON HILL R Charlton 8-11 ... D Harrison –
109 (7) 60 KNAVE 29 R Hannon 8-11 ... M Roberts 72
110 (1) 50 MONTECRISTO 7 R Guest 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 84
111 (8) 00 NIGHT OF GLASS 45 D Morris 8-11 ... D McKeown 67
112 (5) NIGHT SILENCE M Prescott 8-11 ... G Duffield –
113 (11) 0 STATE OF CAUTION 12 J Dunlop 8-11 ... J Weaver –
114 (4) 03 WINTER ROMANCE 13 E Dunlop 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 82

4-1 Balladur, 5-1 Ashjar, Ironheart, 6-1 Winter Romance, Jackson Hill, 8-1 others.

2.00 WYMESWOLD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,366: 7f 9yd) (4)

201 (4) 31 MASEHAAB 27 (D,S) J Dunlop 9-2 ... W Carson 99
202 (3) 00 MULHOLLANDE LAD 38 M Chapman 8-10 ... C Munday (7) –
203 (1) BALOUSTAR S Woods 8-5 ... W Woods –
204 (2) 3243 MAGIC LAKE 15 E Alston 8-5 ... M Roberts 81

4-11 Masehaab, 5-1 Baloustar, 7-1 Magic Lake, 50-1 Mulhollande Lad.

2.30 WHISSENDINE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,937: 7f 9yd) (20)

301 (12) 5000 NASHAAT 13 (D,F,G,S) N Walker 7-10-0 ... J Stack (3) 97
302 (1) 0600 DEEPLY VALE 26 (D,S) G L Moore 4-10-0 ... S Whitworth 90
303 (14) 2130 LEGATEE 52 (D,F,G) A Streeter 4-9-13 ... F Norton 86
304 (10) 0106 BLOW DRY 11 (D,F,S) M Wane 5-9-12 ... M Roberts 97
305 (5) -405 FAEZ 133J (B,D,S) R Simpson 5-9-10 ... N Varley (3) –
306 (9) 00-1 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 44 (F,G) W Musson 5-9-10 ... P McCabe (3) 90
307 (2) 2021 MARY'S CASE 24 (B,D,F,G) M Johnston 5-9-9 ... J Weaver 95
308 (17) 0830 PRINCESS MAXINE 10 (D,G) J J O'Neill 6-9-8 ... D McKeown 95
309 (8) 5484 FRANS LAD 55 (D,F) J Berry 5-9-8 ... G Carter 90
310 (19) 6405 ASHDREN 18 (CD,G,S) A Harrison 8-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 91
311 (4) 2050 PUSEY STREET BOY 13 (D,F,G,S) J Bosley 8-9-6 ... M Hills 98
312 (6) 3250 BATTLE COLOURS 18 (D,F,G) E Inciss 6-9-5 ... Kim Tinkler 97
313 (13) 643 CAPE COLONY 28 (G,F) C Wall 3-9-5 ... G Duffield 99
314 (11) 0562 DOWDENCY 82 (D,S) J Pickering 3-9-5 ... S Copp (7) 92
315 (15) 1450 ANNIE FAY 39 (F) J L Harris 3-9-5 ... R Hills 90
316 (3) 4204 LOVE LEGEND 18 (D,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 10-9-5 ... A Clark 92
317 (7) 6520 SEE YOU AGAIN 28 R Hannon 3-9-4 ... L Dettori 93
318 (20) 4050 SHARP HOLLY 22 J Bennett 3-9-4 ... B Doyle 91
319 (18) 4405 BLUSHING GRENADIER 12 (B,G) M F-Godley 3-9-4 ... W R Swinburn 95
320 (16) 0000 GREEN GOLIGHTLY 11 (F,S) D Wilson 4-9-3 ... L Newton (5) 95

5-1 Mary's Case, 6-1 Ashdren, Southern Memories, 7-1 Frans Lad, 8-1 Love Legend, Dowdency, 9-1 Cape Colony, 10-1 Blow Dry, 12-1 others.

3.00 STEWARDS HANDICAP (£4,017: 1m 1f 218yd) (19)

401 (8) 1126 LOCOROTONDO 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) M Bell 4-10-0 ... M Fenton 91
402 (9) 6-06 ERZIA 9 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-13 ... A Culhane 89
403 (18) 5321 RIVAL BID 7 (D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-9 ... Pat Eddery 94
404 (4) 3415 ALJAWAB 12 (D,G,S) J Dunlop 4-9-8 ... G Carter 99
405 (1) 3616 LUNAR MISSION 17 (D,F,G,S) J Eustace 4-9-7 ... M Tebbutt 81
406 (10) 6231 POLLY PECULIAR 13 (D,G,S) B Smart 4-9-7 ... D Harrison 93
407 (16) 5144 CLIBURNEL NEWS 120 (C,D,G) A Streeter 5-9-5 ... D Denby (7) 86
408 (14) -440 IMLAK 13 (B) D Morley 3-9-5 ... W Carson 85
409 (19) 2401 THAMES SIDE 15 (F) M Madgwick 4-9-5 ... A Eddery (7) 92
410 (12) 6200 ARABOYBILL 13 (B,F,G) R Simpson 4-9-4 ... L Dettori 92
411 (5) 0333 HATTAAFEH 197 (G) M Jarvis 4-9-3 ... N Varley (3) 89
412 (3) 3200 CAVIL 18 C Brittain 3-9-3 ... B Doyle 83
413 (15) 1-00 BROUGHTON SINGER 142 (G) W Musson 4-9-2 ... R Price 86
414 (11) 00-5 SHAHRANI 130 M Pipe 3-9-1 ... M Roberts 89
415 (17) 5060 FABILLION 13 C Smith 3-9-1 ... D McKeown 84
416 (7) 4042 CURTELACE 7 (CD,BF,F) Lady Herries 5-9-0 ... G Parkin (5) 97
417 (2) 1000 JUST FLAMENCO 7 (D,F,S) M Ryan 4-8-13 ... M Hills 90
418 (6) 4060 LADY HIGHFIELD 7 (CD,F) M Ryan 4-8-13 ... A Clark 92
419 (13) 0033 RISING SPRAY 10 C Horgan 4-8-12 ... Amanda Sanders (7) 92

4-1 Polly Peculiar, 9-2 Rival Bid, 5-1 Thames Side, 6-1 Shahrani, 7-1 Curtelace, Locorotondo, 8-1 Rising Spray, 10-1 others

3.30 PADDOCK CLAIMING STAKES (£3,376: 1m 3f 183yd) (22)

501 (9) 2111 ELEMENTARY 22 (CD,F,G,S) N Walker 12-9-12 ... J Stack (3) 94
502 (2) 21-0 HAPPY HOSTAGE 13 (C,F,S) J White 4-9-12 ... L Newton (5) 80
503 (19) 0-00 JOYRIDER 181 (G) Miss M Milligan 4-9-9 ... G Duffield –
504 (8) 0600 STRAW THATCH 17 (G,S) R Bastiman 6-9-6 ... H Bastiman (5) 86
505 (1) 3300 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 26 (D,G) J Berry 3-9-4 ... P Roberts (7) 77
506 (4) 2282 BERKELEY BOUNDER 12 M Pipe 3-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 99
507 (17) -310 PETER MONAMY 43 (D,G) M Pipe 3-9-4 ... L Dettori 87
508 (22) 0633 SEA VICTOR 22 (G) J L Harris 3-9-4 ... P Robinson 92
509 (15) 4036 MHEMEANLES 7 (F,G,S) J Wilson 5-9-3 ... G Carter 88
510 (3) 0 SONNY PLACE 48 J L Harris 4-9-3 ... R Price –
511 (7) 4004 SIMPOSA 18 E Alston 3-9-1 ... S D Williams 74
512 (20) ZADOK R Phillips 3-9-1 ... M Roberts –
513 (11) 4500 HATTA RIVER 24 (D,F,G) J A Harris 5-9-0 ... J Weaver 98
514 (13) 0401 SCENIC DANCER 28 (C,D,F,G,S) A Hide 7-9-0 ... W Woods 86
515 (21) CIRACUSA J Mackie 3-8-12 ... N Varley (3) –
516 (6) 0011 GLOW FORUM 70 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-8-12 ... M Fenton 84
517 (10) 0046 KISMETIM 12 (D,G) B Meehan 5-8-11 ... B Doyle 96
518 (5) -00/ MORSKI 1447 T Bill 6-8-11 ... N Carlisle –
519 (16) WOODMANS LADY J Sheehan 3-8-7 ... P McCabe (3) –
520 (18) AFFORDABLE DORA J Fanshawe 3-8-4 ... D Harrison –
521 (12) 0000 FOREST MILL 13 (V) D Arbuthnot 3-8-4 ... A Clark 90
522 (14) 0-66 MUSHKA BABUSHKA 58 Bob Jones 3-7-12 ... F Norton –

7-2 Elementary, 5-1 Berkeley Bounder, 7-1 Sea Victor, Happy Hostage, 10-1 Peter Monamy, 12-1 Kismetim, 14-1 others.

4.00 EBF SOAR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,468: 1m 8yd) (17)

601 (3) FOREST BUCK H Cecil 9-0 ... Pat Eddery –
602 (11) HALEBID S Woods 9-0 ... W Woods –
603 (5) 06 HUMOURLESS 32 L Cumani 9-0 ... M Hills 93
604 (16) JIYUSH H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills –
605 (17) LAKELINE LEGEND M Jarvis 9-0 ... J Weaver –
606 (2) RED TIE AFFAIR M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton –
607 (8) 00 SPA LANE 20 C Drew 9-0 ... J Stack (3) –
608 (13) TAWAFEK D Morley 9-0 ... W Carson –
609 (9) 0 WASHINGTON REEF 13 J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori –
610 (4) 0 YOUNG DALESMAN 17 A Streeter 9-0 ... L Newton (5) –
611 (15) ATIENZA S Williams 8-9 ... J Tate –
612 (7) 00 CEILIDH STAR 14 B Hills 8-9 ... Paul Eddery 92
613 (6) 00 LADY OF THE MIST 119 J Moore 8-9 ... N Varley (3) 76
614 (1) PERSUASION Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison –
615 (10) SALSIAN S Williams 8-9 ... T Ives –
616 (14) 00 SHIP'S DANCER 21 J Dunlop 8-9 ... G Carter 93
617 (12) 04 SISTER KIT 13 B Palling 8-9 ... B Doyle 99

3-1 Forest Buck, 9-2 Jiyush, 11-2 Persuasion, 6-1 Ceilidh Star, Red Tie Affair, 7-1 Lakeline Legend, 10-1 Ship's Dancer

4.30 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £4,013: 7f 9yd) (13)

1 (11) 0 AFRICAN SUN 89 B Hanbury 8-11 ... J Stack (3) –
2 (4) 0 ALAMBAR 13 P Walwyn 8-11 ... W Carson –
3 (7) BACKTIARI S Gollings 8-11 ... C Rutter –
4 (3) 6 CHALCUCHIMA 13 R Charlton 8-11 ... D Harrison –
5 (8) DOMAK AMAAM J Gosden 8-11 ... L Dettori –
6 (2) GOLD DISC B Hills 8-11 ... Pat Eddery –
7 (5) HILL CLIMBER M Bell 8-11 ... M Fenton –
8 (13) 0 JELALI 13 D Murray Smith 8-11 ... Paul Eddery –
9 (9) 6 REALMS OF GLORY 15 P Mitchell 8-11 ... G Duffield 84
10 (6) RIFFIF J Dunlop 8-11 ... M Rimmer –
11 (10) 06 SEATTLE ALLEY 13 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 ... M Deering 99
12 (1) 0 TWO FOUR SPORTS 13 J A Harris 8-11 ... S D Williams 76
13 (12) 00 YOUNG MAZAAD 11 R Curtis 8-11 ... NON-RUNNER

9-4 Domak Amaam, 7-2 Gold Disc, 4-1 Riffif, 6-1 Chalcuchima, 7-1 Hill Climber, 10-1 Jelali, 14-1 Backtiari, 16-1 others.

5.00 WREAKE CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £5,117: 1m 8yd) (8)

1 (6) 3041 RON'S SECRET 9 (D,F,S) J Payne 9-7 ... L Dettori 77
2 (8) 6300 NAGNAGNAG 10 (F,G,S) S Dow 9-2 ... M Roberts 99
3 (1) 0560 KARAYB 11 (C,F,G) D Morley 9-1 ... W Carson 96
4 (4) 2150 SHEMAQ 12 (D,F,S) H Thomson Jones 9-1 ... R Hills 97
5 (5) 10 MARY'S WAY 146 (D,F) R Charlton 8-11 ... J Weaver 84
6 (2) 5004 DEE-LADY 15 (F) W G M Turner 8-9 ... G Duffield 93
7 (7) 0224 FRESH FRUIT DAILY 20 P Kelleway 8-7 ... Pat Eddery 83
8 (3) 0000 PINKERTON POLKA 113 C Brittain 8-7 ... B Doyle –

3-1 Nagnagnag, 4-1 Mary's Way, Shemaq, 5-1 Dee-Lady, 6-1 Karayb, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 6 winners from 18 runners, 33.3%; P Walwyn, 8 from 31, 25.8%; J Gosden, 21 from 85, 24.7%; H Cecil, 21 from 87, 24.1%; M Pipe, 6 from 29, 20.7%; L Cumani, 8 from 41, 19.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; Pat Eddery, 30 from 135, 22.2%; J Weaver, 15 from 72, 20.8%; W Carson, 26 from 130, 20.0%; L Dettori, 33 from 174, 19.0%; W R Swinburn, 15 from 93, 16.1%.

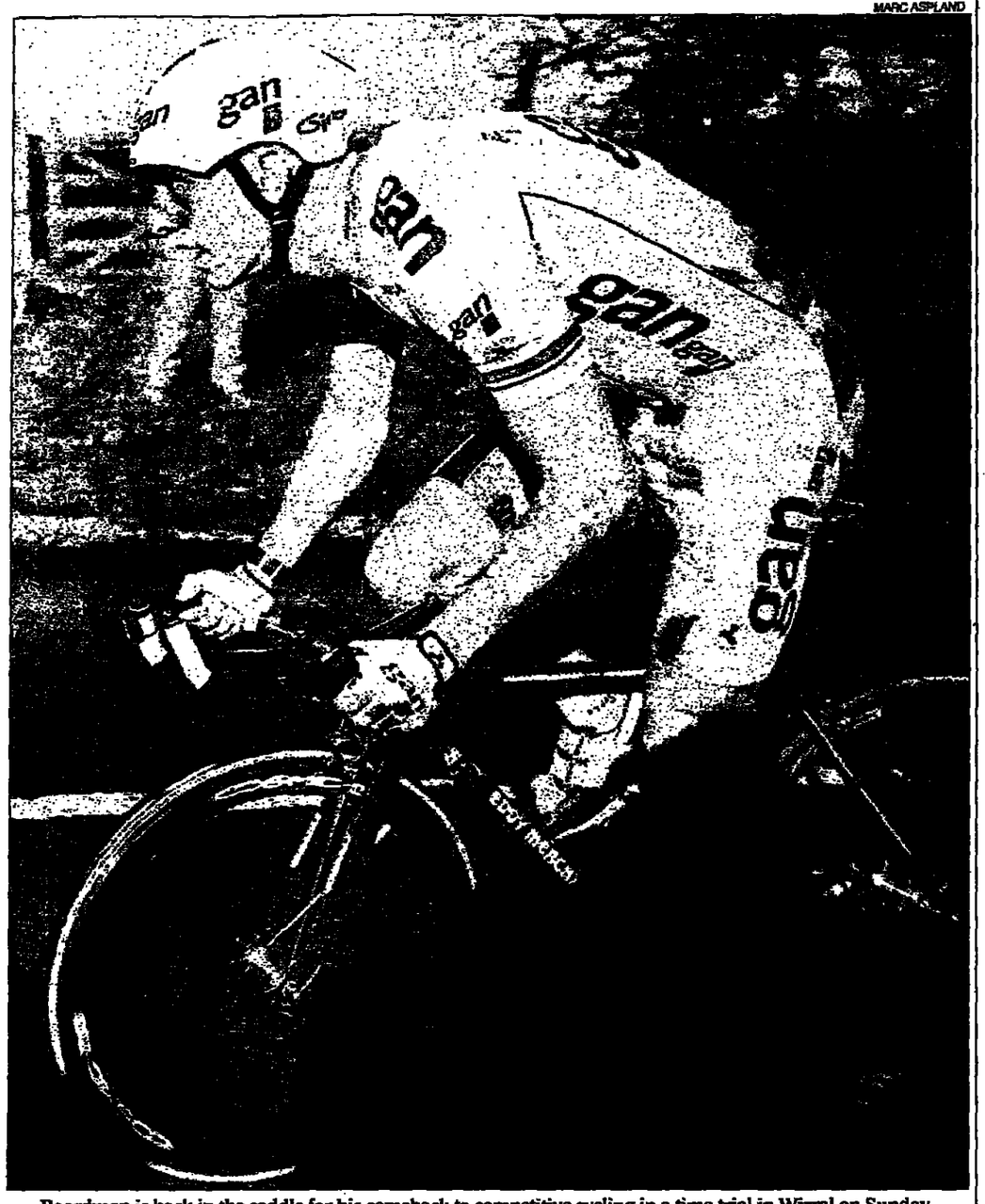
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 2.15 Gloriana. 3.45 Pacific Overture, Most Becoming. Leicester: 1.30 Below The Red Line. 2.30 Faez. 3.30 Forest Mill

Olympic champion returns from injury with mind racing

Crash course steers Boardman

By Andrew Longmore

MARC ASPLAND



Boardman is back in the saddle for his comeback to competitive cycling in a time-trial in Wirral on Sunday

TWO one-day races in France this week will be a better test of Chris Boardman's powers of recovery, but victory in an invitation time-trial on his home ground at Wirral on Sunday, his first race for 100 days, will at least remind the Olympic champion exactly what he has been missing. Not the racing itself, nor the pain, but the success and the feeling of achievement.

A sense of perspective, like the first days of freedom for a prisoner, can be uncomfortable for athletes, who survive on tunnel vision. Talking to Boardman last week, it was clear that the longest convalescence of his 13-year career had brought some powerful forces to bear on a mind hitherto dedicated solely to winning.

Over the past three months, Boardman has examined his working life and shuffled his priorities in an attempt to control the pressures that led him to push that terrible fraction too far at St Brieuc in the prologue to his second Tour de France last July.

"Over the past few weeks, I have been more relaxed, more polite, just a little bit more thoughtful," he said. "I imagine all those things will go down the pan when I'm sucked back into racing, but I hate that. I forgot things that were important, small things like the birthday of a friend, but things that should be important. I know I will lose sight of that, but I will try to bring myself back as a way of taking the pressure off, too.

"I know it sounds awful, but the crash is probably one of the best things that has happened in my career. It gave me time to step back, to take stock of why I am doing this because, at the time of the Tour, it was beginning to develop into a job, a matter of just turning up, doing the job and taking the money, and that is not the way to be the best.

"When I crashed, there was almost an element of relief in it because I knew it was going to be a very unpleasant three weeks ahead, both physically and mentally. To be honest, I felt a little out of my depth. I was only a second-year pro and I was leading the team for the biggest bike race of the season. Things were going a bit too fast." So did he.

Boardman measures his physical progress with typical precision. He still has two 50mm screws in his left ankle, has one calf 2½cm smaller than the other and a minimum of five per cent pain in his ankle. The mental scars are not so easily quantified or healed, which is a source of constant frustration to a man who regards information as power. Boardman willed himself not to touch the brakes during the fastest descents on Sunday.

"My coach, Peter Keen, says my nerve will only be fully tested on the first corner in the wet and, I hate to admit it, he's probably right," he said.

As part of his preparation for the moment, Boardman intends to see John Syer, one of the country's leading sports psychologists, a matter of precaution rather than necessity.

The question now is whether Boardman can fulfil his five-year plan before his motivation, pricked by the sight of Graeme Obree winning the world pursuit title in Colombia, wears thin again. Boardman's rapid progression from Olympic 4,000 metres pursuit champion to hour world record-holder, double world champion and the first man to wear the yellow jersey after his first stage on the Tour de France, suggests that the answer will be positive. Next season is a critical one. He will be 27 and in the last year of his contract with the French-backed Gan team, who will be strengthened by Gerard Rue, one of Miguel Induráin's henchmen at Banesto. Boardman's promise is well known, his worth less so.

However, he plans to ride a strong early campaign in the spring classics such as Paris to Nice and the Criterium International, to bank some good results before the Tour. The 40-kilometre individual time-trial in the Olympic Games remains another target, though he might have to go through the Olympic appeals procedure to qualify because he missed the world championships.

"The plan is to do five years of this from a business point of view, to do it properly, see how good I can be and then move on," he said. "Do another sport, maybe, go into running, do some charity work. There are other things in life than cycling."

'I was forgetting important things. The accident gave me time to think'

Furious Neilsen threatens to retire after ban

By Richard Eaton

ANDERS NEILSEN, England's national badminton champion, is threatening to retire after being suspended from overseas competition until the end of January. The ban will make it difficult for him to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year.

Neilsen is appealing against a decision by the Badminton Association of England (BAE) to take away financial support as a punishment for his withdrawal from the British grand slam tournament in Perth last month. It is not his first clash with the association.

Neilsen, who has had problems with both knees, pulled out without a medical certificate after the draw for Perth had been made. It created a lopsided men's singles at an event in the first British domestic circuit, which the association has been keen to promote to revive the game's fortunes in this country.

However, by denying him the chance to go to the three leading tournaments in the Far East in January, the BAE would be making it extremely difficult for Neilson to earn enough world grand prix points to qualify for Atlanta.

Neilsen is particularly upset because his transgressions appear to be less serious than those of others who have gone unpunished. Last season, for example, two players made excuses about their lack of fitness, pulled out of British grand slam events at the last moment and yet played the next day in the lucrative German league.

"It appears to be better to mislead people," Neilsen said. "I have not be deceitful and yet this could take away my Olympic chance. I have been badly treated. This is a career crippling decision. I may try to pay my own way because, if I don't go to the Far East, I might have to say: 'Forget it'."

Neilsen was also surprisingly omitted from all of England's matches in the series with China earlier this month, with Ciro Cinglio, the England manager, claiming that the national champion was unfit. Neilsen denies this and wanted to play.

Neilsen, whose mother, Heather, was an all-England champion, is unlikely to want to finish his career on an anticlimax. He had been considering retirement after Atlanta anyway and, if his appeal to the BAE fails, the chances are that he will pay £2,000 of his own money to go to Japan, Korea and Taiwan. It is odds on, though, that his England career is nearly over.

RADIO CHOICE

A dip that is lucky for all

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8pm.*

John Julius Norwich's record selections are always prefaced with a few bars from Elgar's *Cockaigne* overture: and there, the predictability ends. This is lucky-dip territory, something for all levels of brow, with introductions by Norwich that are helpful and succinct. He never hides his enthusiasm for certain works, and I suspect that he will be in a generously appreciative mood tonight introducing Carl Orff's scenic cantata *Carmina Burana*. This is a work of which I never tire. I have only to hear the opening bars of the "O Fortuna" appeal to destiny to be taken back to the first time I heard this work, and realised that I had never heard anything quite like it before.

They Called Me Al. *Radio 2, 9pm.*

With actors playing all the other roles in this life of Al Bowlly — the 1930s singer who at one time was more popular than Bing Crosby — mercifully all of his songs — and we hear a great number of them — are sung by Bowlly himself. I was not surprised when the closing credits revealed that, although John Thaw was the narrator, the script was by someone else, Neville Turner. Bowlly's emotional range was limited, and although his numbers were sometimes pitched too high, he always managed to end on a goodish (falsetto?) high note. Stuffed shirts may not like his swing version of Shakespeare's *It Was a Lover and his Lass*, but I do. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo featuring The Golden Hour 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 4.40 *Judge Dredd*; 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat; 6.30 the nightly mix 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Cling Film 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Dawn Patrol 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 *When the Going Gets Tough* 9.00 They Called Me Al: Sue Cleaver 10.00 The Magical Memory Show 10.30 The Jamesons including at 10.45 What's That Noise? 12.05am Sue McGarry 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 News; Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05 Roscoe on Five, including at 3.45 *Entertainment News* 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including 7.20 Sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather
6.00 On Air, including Beethoven (Overture, The Consecration of the House); Hayden (Symphony No 102 in B flat); 7.05 Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F); Nielsen (Overture, Helios); 8.05 Ibert (Trois pièces brèves); Brahms (Flammenauge, dunkles Haar; Zum Schluss; Nun ihr Musen, genug! Neue Liebeslieder, Op 65)
9.00 **Morning Collection**, including Handel (Water Music, Suite in D); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz, The Blue Danube); Haydn (Piano Sonatas); Tchaikovsky (Francesca da Rimini)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, including Saint-Saëns (Danse macabre); Anon (Four Planctus, Las Huelgas manuscript); Rachmaninov (Vocalise); 10.25 *Artist of the Week*: Alfredo Hodgson, mezzo, Vaughan Williams (The House of Life); 10.50 Picchi (Intavolatura di Balli d'Arpicordo, excerpts); Brahms (Violin Concerto in D); Saint-Saëns (Overture, Occident et orient)
12.00 **Composer of the Week**: Grieg
1.00pm **The Land Where the Good Songs Go**: America's Songwriter. Mark Steyn explores forgotten musicals (4/5)
2.00 **Schools**: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!
3.00 **Fairest Isle: Carnegie Publication Scheme**. In the 1920s Andrew Carnegie held annual competitions to decide which new music pieces to publish. Lewis Foreman presents a selection
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Tommy Pearson examines the phenomenon addressed in Bach's 48 pieces for a "well-tempered" keyboard (r)
5.15 **In Tune**, with Guy Woolfenden in Birmingham
7.30 **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Yuzuko Horigome, violin. Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz); Bruch (Scottish Fantasy in G minor); Sibelius (Symphony No 1 in E minor)
9.05 **Fairest Isle: Britten Plus**. Britten and Mozart. Rosa Mannion, soprano, Julius Drake, piano, perform Mozart (An Chloe, K524; Das Lied der Trennung, K519; Als Louise die Briefe, K520; Abendempfindung, K523); Britten (Evening, morning, night; Birthday Song for Erwin; Everyone sang; Not even summer yet; The Red Cockatoo); Mozart (Fidente la calma, K152; Oiseaux, si tous les ans, K307; Dans un bois solitaire, K308); Britten (French Folk Songs)
10.10 **Between the Ears**: To mark the centenary of Marconi's invention of the radio telegraph, Mark Russell presents four radiogenic compositions (2/4)
10.45 **Night Waves**: Tony Palmer on *Neon Bible*, Terence Davies's new film about American childhood
11.30-12.30am **Music Restored**: The Lost Maples perform partsongs by Schubert, Schumann and Brahms
1.00-2.00 **Night School**: Tales from Europe 1.30 Le Club

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Europe 8.00 News 8.15 *An Instant in the Wind* 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Just a Taste 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News in German 10.15 Counterpoint 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 *An Instant in the Wind* Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Verse 1.00 News 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain 1.30 From Hopte to Harrier 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News in German 4.15 On Screen 4.30 Omnibus 5.00 News 5.15 World Today 5.30 News in German 6.00 Europe 6.30 Business 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 World 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.10am Encore 12.15 Anything Goes 12.45 Country 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 History 1.45 Britain 2.00 News 2.10 Press Review 2.15 On Screen 2.30 Musician's Musician 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Discovery

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Clara Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata: Haydn (Piano Sonata in C) 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Tim Lihoreau

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 J.J. Grace 2.00-5.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 As It Seemed to Me, by John Cole (2/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 Call Peter Sissons (0171) 580 4444
10.00-10.30 **Villa Park Incident — A Musical Tour of Birmingham** (FM only): Roy Wood presents a personal journey around Birmingham
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **This Sceptr'd Isle** (LW only)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Mrs Frampton* by Pam Gems, read by Rosemary Leach (1/9)
11.30 **States of Mind: All in the Mind**. Professor Anthony Clare examines the obstacles transsexuals face when changing their sex
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm **Word of Mouth**: Russell Davies looks at language and words 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool and James Cox in London
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Books and Company**. A look at the peculiarly British phenomenon of literary festivals (r)
2.30 **Gardening Notes** with Richard Baker and the pianist Eric Parkin
3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**, with Daire Brehan
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Paul Vaughan reads the last novel by French writer, philosopher and goalkeeper Albert Camus
4.45 **Short Story: Peter Nosier**, by Chris Baneji. Read by Lesley Rooney
5.00 **PM**, with Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **No Commitments**: Comedy about three sisters, by Simon Brett. With Rosemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Celia Imrie (2/6) (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4** with Alasdair Sandford
8.00 **Science Now** (r)
8.30 **The Network**: Alun Lewis explores the vast gulf between humans and machines
9.00 **In Touch**, presented by Peter White
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig
10.45 **Book at Bedtime Live! Into the Heart of Borneo**, by Redmond O'Hanlon
11.00 **Mediumwave** (r)
11.30 **A View from Abroad**: For the Love of It. The Polish-born writer Eva Hoffman makes a personal exploration of British culture (3/6) (r)
12.00 News; incl 12.27am Weather
12.30-1.00 **The Late Book**: *The Information*, by Martin Amis. Read by William Nighy. The Information, Age 7/8 abridged reading of Martin Amis's latest novel by William Nighy (7/15)-12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-6.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089.Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Mason, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

Richmond's revival tested

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

RICHMOND, who are romping happily away at the top of the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, must take their new-found confidence to London Welsh, their neighbours in southwest London, in the third round of the Pilkington Cup on November 4. Nor are the Welsh, for all their vicissitudes of the past few years, to be ignored, for they stand unbeaten at the top of England's fourth division this season.

The partial restoration of these two old clubs' fortunes has been one of the pleasures this season, with Richmond's built around a sturdy pack and the astute direction of Ben Short and Adrian Boyd at half back. "It's just about the hardest draw we could have got," Vinny Coddrington, the Richmond director of rugby, said, but at least the clubs know each other's strengths and weaknesses, having maintained regular fixtures.

They have met only once before in the national cup, in 1976, when both — notably the Welsh — were powers in the land. Now, they stand in a draw alongside, for example, Bridlington, from North 1, who, with Camberley, are newcomers to the Pilkington Cup this season and whose prize for beating Syston and Aspatria is another home draw, with Winnington Park.

Gloucestershire's disciplinary committee, which meets this evening, has postponed a hearing on Chris Raymond, the Gloucester No 8, who has received two yellow cards this season. Under the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) new totting-up procedure, a second yellow warning card in the same season has the effect of a dismissal and Gloucestershire has requested guidelines from the RFU after considering the various anomalies provoked by the procedure.

Dean Richards, the Leicester and England No 8, is in the same position as Raymond and his case is scheduled to be heard by Leicestershire on Thursday. In rugby union's changed circumstances, there is an additional responsibility on amateur administrators, whose judgment can now affect the earning power of an international player if a suspension is deemed necessary.

Fiji have named a squad of 27 for their tour of Ireland and Wales, which begins on October 21, but there is some doubt over whether all the 14 players based either in New Zealand or Australia will be available. Joeli Vidiri, for example, has been playing in the successful Counties side and has said that he seeks a place with the All Blacks, with all the remuneration that that implies.

PILKINGTON CUP DRAW

THIRD ROUND: North: Bridlington v Winnington Park, Coventry v Stourbridge, Leeds v Fylde; Macclesfield v Walsall; Otley v Rugby; Worcester v Liverpool St Helens South: Exeter v Redruth, Lewes v Camberley; London Welsh v Richmond; Metropolitan Police v Reading, Taberd v Lydney; Weston-super-Mare v Henley

Ties to be played on November 4

Bridgend bids for stadium

By Gerald Davies

HAVING had its application rejected by the Millennium Commission last week, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) was confronted with another challenge yesterday as it considered its next plan of action to develop a national stadium in preparation for the World Cup in 1999. The proposal comes from a group that wishes to revive the idea that such a stadium should be located not in Cardiff but 20 miles down the M4 on what is known as the Island Farm site, in Bridgend.

Richard Jenkins, a local solicitor, said that, although the idea had been put forward in earlier debates, insufficient debate had taken place on seeking an alternative greenfield site. "There is a 100-acre area available for development not just ten acres as in Cardiff," he said, "so that it is possible to encompass all the amenities which modern sport requires. It is a unique opportunity that the WRU should look at again. Any new submissions to create a new stadium in Cardiff will require the agreement of diverse people whose properties are in the vicinity of the ground. Such negotiations will take time. In Bridgend, we could begin straight away."

The group has the support of the new unitary authority of Bridgend County Borough Council. Geoff Jones, its leader, said: "It is not tradition we need this time, however much we respect it, but vision for the next century. Cardiff's is a half-baked and cobbled together scheme. Apart from the playing facilities, the on-site hospitality suite, refreshment franchises, car parking and other concessions would provide additional income unavailable hitherto to the union."

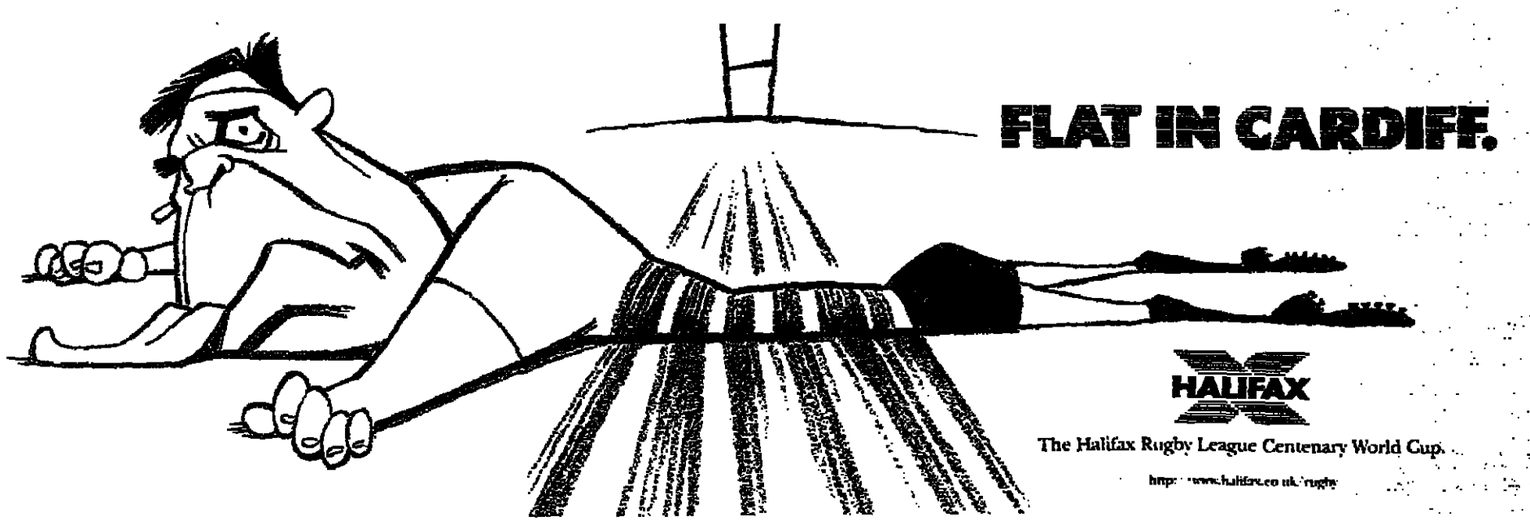
The council has the support of the former Wales internationals, Clem Thomas, J.J. Williams and Steve Fenwick.

Thomas outlined the advantages of accessibility of the Bridgend site with road, rail and air within easy reach. Also, with a 100,000-seat capacity and consequent greater availability of tickets at cheaper prices, the game could return to the people of Wales rather than the ticket touts and the corporate hospitality entrepreneurs.

Such a stadium would have a multisports aspect, Williams emphasised, with additional training grounds provided for football and athletics, and be able to stage other events which would act as curtain-raisers for important matches.



Thomas: sees advantages



Three candidates of very different calibre

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Last night's television turned into a game of *Desert Island Companions*, a little-known variation of Roy Plomley's great idea, in which people rather than music are selected to share your tropical solitude. I ended up with Gore Vidal for his witty repartee, Stephen Sondheim to lead the communal singing, and Bruce Forsyth. Well, you've got to have some incentive to escape.

Let us begin with Gore Vidal, a man so good **Omnibus** (BBC1) named him twice, to bring us *Gore Vidal's Gore Vidal*, a self-portrait in two parts. Last night's first instalment was all you would expect from this walking dictionary of modern quotations: maddening, frustrating and a real treat.

Every time Vidal opened his mouth, *a little part of me died*. It just seemed so unfair. Here most of us are, struggling even to think in secondary clauses let alone stammer our way through them, and there was Vidal, delivering instant epigrams with the eloquent ease of someone who had been doing it all *his life*. Which, of course, he has.

That said, John-Paul Davidson, the film's director, made it easy. Some gently lobbed opening questions were swiftly dispatched. The great man of American letters had finally reached the memoirs stage, a fact which will have scarcely come as a surprise to regular viewers of a programme already in danger of being renamed *Omni-plug*. But it was a literary style he admitted he'd had trouble adapting to: "You can only tell the truth about people you know in fiction — that's why we invented fiction." He was off.

Duly warmed up, Vidal was indulged in a manner that was both delicious and disgraceful. Cameras followed him around the world, the doors of his childhood homes were thrown open and Joanne Woodward was on hand to remind us that the younger Vidal had been every bit as beautiful as her husband, Paul Newman. Even if Vidal had achieved his ambition of becoming Emperor of the United States, he couldn't have had much better treatment.

For most of the film, Vidal provided his own inevitably well-crafted commentary which, perhaps just as inevitably, tended to dwell on the brighter side of a life never short of glitter. A precocious interest in literature, history and politics was learnt at the knee of his blind grandfather, Senator T.P. Gore, to whom he read from an early age. "At the age of ten I understood bi-metallism, a subject which I don't think any ten-year-old has ever understood."

Separating fact from elegant fiction was not easy, particularly during the moments when you sensed the Vidal patience was wearing thin. Had his literary career really begun at the age of seven with an alternative version of *The Duck and The Kangaroo: A Tale of Unnatural Affection*? Gore knows, I don't.

It may not have been the cleverest bit of BBC scheduling to have "America's greatest living man of letters" overlapping with "one of the great creative figures of the American musical", but Jeremy Isaacs's interview with Stephen Sondheim for **Face to Face** (BBC2) did produce some fascinating parallels. Particularly on the subject of mothers.

The only real flash of the famous Vidal venom had been reserved for his mother, who was dismissed as "a real honest to God lush, a 1920s' flapper". Given that Sondheim appeared to be a far nicer man than Vidal would never hope to be, his attack came as even more of a shock. His mother was "a monster", he told Isaacs, "interested only in money and celebrities". A worrying conclusion was beginning to emerge, at least to us chaps — kiss hello to mother and you kiss goodbye to creative genius. Just imagine: symphonies, novels, paintings, all lost to the phrase "there, there, it doesn't matter".

Sondheim's craggy features were perfect for the constant gaze of the *Face to Face* cameras. But as an interviewee he proved if not elusive then certainly unpredictable. He kept private about his private life (barring an unexplained reference to "a big change"), he was technical about his work ("I try to develop accompaniment figures and harmonic sequences before ever attacking the melodic line") and was effusive regarding the debt he owed to Oscar Hammerstein ("basically, I wanted to be Oscar").

To the surprise of, I suspect, very few, Sondheim revealed he had spent 20 years in analysis. And what did you learn, asked Isaacs? "I learnt to say — no," was the reply. Indeed he had.

Perhaps Bruce Forsyth should try analysis, for he should certainly have said "no" to **Bruce's Price is Right** (ITV). For, while Bob Monkhouse recently rediscovered himself by returning to his roots as a stand-up comedian, Forsyth looks in danger of getting lost in a game-show format that is simply not suited to his talents.

Contestants and hyped-up studio audience have eyes and ears (the show relies on frequent screams of "higher" and "lower") only for each other, while the frantic pace leaves little time for Forsyth's gently teasing banter. And when that's not working, nothing works.

Suddenly you notice anew that ridiculous hairpiece, which not only appears to be growing but has turned a hopelessly optimistic shade of blond. Suddenly, the flirting that used to work so well with the wholesomely sexy Rosemarie Ford, begins to look tacky with meretricious hostesses who give the distinct impression that if you have seen them before it was probably with a staple through their navels. Mind you, if we're still playing *Desert Island Companions*...

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (67652)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86175519)
9.05 Mastermind Finals (r) (s) (3794478)
9.35 The Fanelli Boys (8753132)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5207836) **10.05 Conference Live 95**. Coverage of this year's Conservative Party conference from Blackpool (s). Followed by **The Nation's Favourite Poems** (94350671) *12.50pm* **Regional news** (66897133)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (39720)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91027497)
1.50 Alias Smith and Jones (r) (1482478)
2.40 Lifeline (Ceefax) (s) (1253701)
2.50 The Spirit of England (r) (s) (5563887)
3.05 The Great British Quiz (s) (8611942)
3.30 Funnybones (r) (s) (1011316) **3.35 Blinky Bill** (6872590) **4.00 Oscar's Orchestra** (s) (8645519) **4.25 Animal Hospital** (s) (9720039) **4.35 Fan TC** (s) (2753774)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9849294)
5.10 Byker Grove (Ceefax) (s) (2131749)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (822316) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax), Weather (395)
6.30 Regional news magazines (497) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)



John McCarthy in the Highlands (7.00pm)

7.00 Island Race: Orkney to Whitby (Ceefax) (s) (2590)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (381)
8.00 Due South: The Deal. Fraser and Ray become unwitting partners in the murderous exploits of local mobster Frankie Zuko. (Ceefax) (s); Followed by **The Nation's Favourite Poems** (153316)
8.50 How to Be a Little S*d. Rik Mayall lends his voice to an animated comedy series about the world as seen through the eyes of a baby. (Ceefax) (s) (102565)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) (7213)
9.30 Crimewatch File: Scarred. Dramatic reconstruction of a police investigation. On April 4, 1993, a young woman was violently raped in southwest London. Although it was linked to a rape two years earlier in Clapham, the police had little evidence save that the man was dressed in women's underwear and had a large scar. A phone call from a *Crimewatch UK* viewer helped to solve the crime (s) (248010). **Northern Ireland:** Gourmet Island *10.00* Crimewatch File 10.55 FILM: Moonstruck 12.40-2.00 FILM: Miracles
10.25 FILM: Moonstruck (1987). Romantic comedy starring Cher (in an Oscar-winning role), Nicolas Cage, Danny Aiello, Vincent Gardenia and Olympia Dukakis (who also picked up an Academy Award). Directed by Norman Jewison. (Ceefax) (s) (640590)
12.05am FILM: Fast-Walking (1982). Unpleasant comedy drama starring James Woods as a laid-back prison warden who becomes embroiled in a plot to assassinate a black militant leader. Directed by James B. Harris. (Ceefax) (s) (581237)
1.55am Weather (3639633). Ends at **2.00**

BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Pandora's Box (r) (65294)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (2415313)
7.15 Lassie (r) (9343229) **7.40 Stingray** (r) (Ceefax) (9373720) **8.05 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (Ceefax) (9419872) **8.30 Betjeman in Australia** (r) (6037855) **8.55 Holiday Outings: Galicia** (3795107) **9.00 The French Collection** (5510300) *9.25* **See You, See Me** (s) (6887010) *9.45* **Watch** (s) (6175126)
10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (1035720) **10.25 Come Outside** (s) (2087300) **10.45 The Experimenter** (s) (3596565) *11.05* **Space Ark — Plants and Animals** (s) (2097010) **11.15 Le Club** (s) (3956861) **11.30 Ghostwriter** (s) (6720) **12.00 See Hear!** (Ceefax and signing) (s) (72300)
12.30pm Working Lunch (s) (82346)
1.00 Teaching Today (s) (33590) **1.30 PSHE and General Studies** (s) (26837107) **1.40 Thunderbirds in Hindi** (91741720) **1.45 You and Me** (26849942) **2.00 The Family Ness** (r) (97403855) **2.05 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (97402126)
2.10 Conference Live 95: The Conservative Party (s) (93066381)
5.30 Floyd on Italy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (774)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (s) (280942)
6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (715519)
7.10 Dear Dilemma (s) (842126)
7.30 The Knowledge: The Last Lesson. Safety at school. (Ceefax) (s) (923)
8.00 [redacted] **Sound Stories: Call of the Bagpipe, Call to the Blood** (3652)
8.30 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Seafood cookery. (Ceefax) (s) (6687)
9.00 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? Vintage comedy (r). (Ceefax) (5855)



Otis Barton and William Beebe (9.30pm)

9.30 [redacted] **Nautilus: Voyages to Inner Space** (Ceefax) (s) (255300)
10.20 Watch Out (s) (842233)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (991590)
11.15 [redacted] **Mondrian: Mr Boogie-Woogie Man** (s) (771478)
11.55 Weather 12.00 Fast Forward (s) (86968)
12.30am The Chemistry of the Invisible (9570324) **12.55 Pause** (4283508) **1.00 Keeping Watch on the Invisible** (3580614) **1.25 Keywords** (9977817) **1.30 Our Invisible Sun** (23701) **2.00 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts** (79546) **4.00 NCET TV: Teaching and Learning with IT** (84459) **4.30 Read and Write Together** (85053) **5.00 Italia 2000** (41121) **5.30-6.00 Film Education** (36427)

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CHOICE



Tree, 1912, by Piet Mondrian (BBC2, 11.15pm)

Mondrian: Mr Boogie-Woogie Man
BBC2, 11.15pm

A profile of the Dutch abstract painter Piet Mondrian can be recommended on two counts. The first is that it starts from the admirable premise that Mondrian is worth a programme on his own account and not because of some anniversarial peg. Secondly, it is an object lesson in how to put over difficult concepts without being either patronising or pretentious. Nobody could wish for a clearer introduction to a complex artist, and certainly not in 40 minutes. The film brings out the paradox of the austere Calvinist who revelled in bold colours and adored jazz, and the irony that an artist who achieved so little recognition in his lifetime should have had such a pervasive influence on 20th-century architecture and design.

Nautilus
BBC2, 9.30pm

With nuclear submarines rotting on the bottom of the ocean, made redundant by the ending of the Cold War, *Nautilus* has gone as far as it can on the military side. So the final film changes gear and looks at deep-sea exploration. A brief history lesson starts in 1930 with Jacques Piccard, a Swiss professor who looked like early casting for Dr Who, and the Americans William Beebe and Otis Barton. After the war, Piccard's work was hijacked by the United States Navy, so we are back to the Cold War after all. We are back to it in earnest in 1966 when an American B52 manages to drop a hydrogen bomb in the sea off Spain. The story of the embarrassed search is at once horrifying and richly comic and it is told with the help of previously classified US Navy film.

Sound Stories
BBC2, 8.00pm

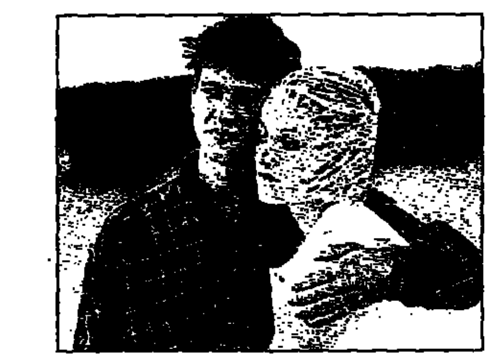
The series on popular music-making travels to Scotland to feature (what else?) the bagpipe. We are at the annual gathering in Oban for the great pibroch competition. Pibroch, for the uninitiated, is the classical music of the bagpipe and a very long way from *Scotland the Brave*. But if the film gets a wee bit technical at times, it also pokes into fascinating corners of Scottish history, reveals that the bagpipe is currently big in, of all places, Japan, and demonstrates what it takes to be a master of the instrument. As the competitors assemble at the Royal Hotel in Oban, among them one Michael Cusack from Texas, one of the judges is heard to remark: "The bagpipe is worse than a woman — it requires even more attention."

The Avengers: The Town of No Return
Channel 4, 6.00pm

Forget *The New Avengers*, currently rerunning on BBC2, even if means dispensing with Joanna Lumley. That was a pallid attempt to revive a once glorious formula. Here is the real thing, vintage 1965 and in glorious black and white. Patrick Macnee's Steed, of the bowler hat and rolled umbrella, is teamed with Emma Peel (Diana Rigg), the widow with the karate chop, in adventures that often start in the real world but have a habit of veering off into the surreal. Budgets may have been modest, but imagination was often rich. This is happily the case in a tale by Brian Clemens about a spooky Norfolk village where all the inhabitants are impostors. Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7316687)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5517213)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1052497)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9985478)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine show (39394855)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4592923)
12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (9953478)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9961497)
1.25 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (22768749)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (91015652)
2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (44026039)
2.50 Capital Woman (s) (8983381) **3.20 ITN News** (9307841) **3.25 London Today** (7050522)
3.30 Gigglish Allsorts: Box's Sister (s) (4202687) **3.40 Tots TV: Rhino** (s) (1913720) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) (4206403) **4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat** (9728671) **4.15 Hurricanes: Lord Napper of Stepney** (Teletext) (s) (1972381)
4.40 The Ward (Teletext) (s) (6922774)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (1151045)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) (642300)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (323818)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (213)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (565)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (4958)
7.30 NEW **Inside Crime.** In the first of this new series which reports on the latest crime-solving initiatives, John Stalker and Fiona Oates look at car crime (749)
8.00 The Bill: All Tucked Up. The second instalment of the three-part story which began last Friday. Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) faces painful memories as CID rake through her past. (Teletext) (7478)
8.30 Is It Legal? Infatuation. Sit-com about solicitors. With Patrick Barlow, Imelda Staunton and Richard Lumsden. (s) (9213)



Dougray Scott and Sophie Heathcote (9.00pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Ill Wind. Army drama series. Major Taylor juggles his love life and army life when he has to command his men's final exercise in which they must find the remains of a B52 bomber in the jungle ahead of their Australian counterparts. (Teletext) (s) (4045)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) (77855)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (656045)
10.40 FILM: Predator 2 (1990). Ultra-gory, and otherwise sloppy sequel to Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 jungle hit, but without him. With Danny Glover, Gary Busey, Rubén Blades; directed by Stephen Hopkins. (Teletext) (s) (83976749)
12.40am War and Remembrance (r) (202343)
2.35 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (7469459)
3.00 The Beat (s) (60966)
4.00 America's Top Ten (s) (90106072)
4.25 Nite Bites (r) (s) (20090121)
4.30 Videofashion (89879)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (78275)
5.30 ITN Morning News (20091). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6968774)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (52671)
9.00 Sabotage. Women-only quiz (r) (s) (50132)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! (6172039) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (6160294) **10.00** Fourways Farm (5214126) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2166861) **10.25** How We Used to Live (2089768) **10.45** Caraidean (1485107) *11.00* The New Living Body (5524720) *11.20* Stage One (3875942) **11.35** Video Showcase (2457836) **11.45** First Edition (3566229)
12.00 Hard Men. Glaswegian bodybuilder, Brendan Collum (r) (Teletext) (s) (74768)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the singer Lena Horne (30519) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (99565)
2.00 Book. A book thief meets his match in an antiquarian book dealer (22200584)
2.15 FILM: Appointment in London (1953). With Dirk Bogarde and Dinah Sheridan. Second World War RAF drama, stiff as the chaps' upper lips, directed by Philip Leacock. (Teletext) (850958)
4.00 Wild West Country. A hedgehog hospital in Newton Abbot. (Teletext) (s) (478)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (590)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Will Your Marriage Last? (Teletext) (s) (6027841)
5.50 Murun Buchstansangur. Cartoon (903381)
6.00 CHOICE **The Avengers: The Town of No Return** (b/w) (r) (Teletext) (12823)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (654229)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (983687)
8.00 Wild Britain: The War of the Roses. Not all insects are the rose's enemies. This fourth of a six-part series looks at rose-growers' friends. (Teletext) (s) (8720)
8.30 Brookside. Gemma and Leo take drastic action to escape Mick's paranoia. Jimmy is enraged when the residents take matters into their own hands; there is good news for the lottery syndicate; and Ron becomes both hero and villain. (Teletext) (s) (7855)



Sam West and Helena Bonham-Carter (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Howards End (1991). Oscar-winning adaptation of E.M. Forster's novel starring Emma Thompson, Anthony Hopkins and Vanessa Redgrave. Directed by James Ivory. (Teletext) (s) (90001045)
11.40 Just For Laughs — Unleashed. From Montreal's Just For Laughs festival, Mark Thomas introduces Donna McPhail, Harry Hill, Bobby Slayton, Steady Eddie and Mr Methane (r) (s) (794039)
1.05am Men Talk. Richard Jobson and the men from last week's show are joined by five women to discuss the men's attitudes (r) (s) (3362985)
1.55 World Tennis. Action from Valencia and hard-court action from Toulouse and Kuala Lumpur (2869508)
2.25 The Sahara Project. Episode three of an eight-part German drama. Thomas Altenberg and Leo Waldegg continue working with the Sahara Project although they discover that it is financed by the sale of poisonous gas, used in a North African coup. Dubbed in English (9189053). Ends at **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9961497) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22768749) 2.50-3.20 Marquee (8983381) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1151045) 6.25 Anglia Weather (474836) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (565) 7.30-8.00 Heirloom (749) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (656045) 12.40am Film: This Man Can't Die (542508) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (1562508) 3.15 The Beat (8548782) 4.05 The New Music (5742701)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 Special Babies (8983381) 3.25-3.30 Central News (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1151045) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (490854) 7.30-8.00 Belvoir Castle (749) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (656045) 4.25am Jobfinder (8620508) 5.20 Asian Eye (4322275)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9961497) 1.25 Home and Away (81065213) 1.50 Vanessa (47934126) 2.20 Simply Delicious (44026039) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (8983381) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (7050522) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1151045) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (490854) 7.30-8.00 The Rock and Goal Years (749) 10.30 Granada News (656045) 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder (7176169)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (1052497) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News and Weather (4592923) 12.55 Shortland Street (5391229) 1.20 Special Babies (22769478) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Calendar (8983381) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Yan Can Cook (1151045) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (565) 7.30-8.00 Fair's Fair (749) 10.30-10.40 HTV West News and Weather (656045) 4.25am Jobfinder (7176169)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The New Mr and Mrs Show (8983381) 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Designed by Emanuel (1151045) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (565) 7.30-8.00 Pometime (749)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9961497) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22768749) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8983381) 5.10 Home and Away (1151045) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Making It Happen (000294) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (213) 6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (565) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (749) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (656045) 12.40am Film: This Man Can't Die (542508) 2.20 The Little Picture Show (1562508) 3.15 The Beat (8548782) 4.05 The New Music (5742701) 5.00 Freescreen (78275)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (4500942) 12.55 Emmerdale (9961497) 1.25 Home and Away (22768749) 1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors (91015652) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8983381) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1151045) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (12841) 7.30-8.00 Little River Journeys (749) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (656045) 4.25am Jobfinder (7176169)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News / Network North (4592923) 12.55 Emmerdale (9961497) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22768749) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8983381) 3.25-3.30 Calendar News / Network North (7050522) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1151045) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (289039) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (565) 7.30-8.00 Who Do You Do? (749) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (656045) 12.35am Time Trax (5379817) 1.25 The Little Picture Show (1819985) 2.25 Sport AM (9181411) 3.25 The Beat (2111188) 4.20 Jobfinder (8627695)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (88294) 8.00 Power Rangers (30279) 8.30 Jeopardy (90720) 9.00 Court TV (14300) 9.30 Oprah Winfrey (88300) 10.30 Blockbusters (10584) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (71720) 12.00 Spellbound (80756) 12.30pm Designing Women (23590) 1.00 The Waltons (28045) 2.00 Geraldo (55294) 3.00 Court TV (5039) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (3551126) 4.20 Kids TV (8138213) 5.00 The Next Generation (2519) 6.00 Power Rangers (5313) 6.30 Spellbound (8855) 7.00 LAPD (5120) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4039) 8.00 Nowhere Man (65590) 9.00 Chicago Hope (89126) 10.00 The Next Generation (82213) 11.00 Law and Order (92213) 12.00 David Letterman (5727666) 12.45 Double Take (7185985) 1.30 Anything But Love (69188) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (3338091)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3803671) 9.30 Fashion TV (88382) 10.30 ABC Nightline (18126) 11.00 News (181768) 1.30pm CBS News (57861) 2.30 Those Were the Days (22300) 3.30 David Frost (2861) 4.00 News (58768) 5.00 Live at Five (3861) 6.30 Tonight (19039) 8.00 News (7010) 8.30 O.J. Simpson Trial (4418381) 12.30am CBS News (84985) 1.30 Tonight (23695) 2.30 Century (16430) 3.30 David Frost (28275) 4.30 CBS News (74817) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (53343)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (70491923) 10.00 Harper Valley PTA (1978) (38478) 12.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993): Spoof (89497) 2.00pm Cold River (1982): Adventure (73565) 4.00 The Film Flam Man (1967): Comedy (4923) 6.00 Young Ivanhoe (1994) (88229) 8.00 Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993): As noon (61774) 10.00 Under Siege (1992) (938132) 11.45 Bitter Moon (1992): Thriller (47163107) 2.05am Stranded (1992) (5445053) 3.35-5.35 The Thirteenth Floor (1988) (53944527)

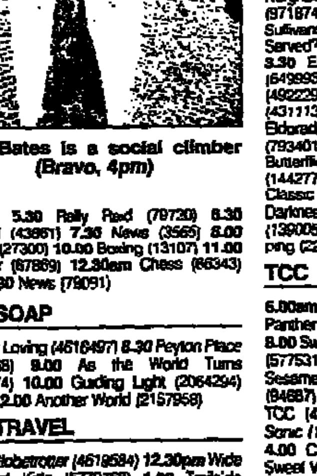
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan Triumphs (1943) (82687) 8.00 Heathcliff — The Movie (1985): Cartoon (40316) 10.00 Duncan's World (29720) 12.00 Eureka Stockade (1949) (67039) 2.00pm Forever Young (1992) (71107) 4.00 Heathcliff — The Movie (1985): As 8am (2565) 6.00 A Time to Heal (1994) (29958) 7.30 Special Feature: Romantic Comedy (7749) 8.00 Forever Young (1992): As 2pm (69316) 10.00 Crossing the Bridge (1992) (854126) 11.50 Candyman (1992) (407652) 1.30am My Name Is Kate (1993) (333188) 3.10-5.10 Ballad of Josie (1967): Comedy (59411986)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91118497) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13868590) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (59602749) 7.30 Ducktales (59614584) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale (24979010) 8.30 Wonderland (24978381) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24085861) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91886565) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13776942) 10.30 Quack Attack (24081045) 11.00 Walt Disney Presents (59796132) 12.00 Boy Meets World (24989497) 12.30pm Thunder Alley (91880381) 1.00 Flipper (91885836) 2.00 Wonderland (65654497) 2.30 Umbrella Tree (23967229) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (65739132) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (23962774) 4.00 Quack Attack (23978381) 4.30 Ducktales (23874565) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dale (65645749) 5.30 Danger Bay (23981045) 6.00 Tarzan (23969958) 6.30 Dinosaurs (23879010) 7.00 Walt Disney Presents (21906132) 8.00-10.00 FILM: Gus (21820768)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (23381) 7.30 American Sports (73774) 8.30 Aerobics Oz Style (38519) 9.00 Beach Volleyball (49671) 9.30 Speed and Beauty (74855) 10.00 Max Out (50381) 10.30 Tarzan Extra (32836) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (38107) 12.30pm Boxing (69039) 2.30 Cricket (31107) 4.30 Powerboat World (7768) 5.00 Wrestling Mania (2279) 6.00 Sports Centre (4861) 6.30 Pub Quiz (2213) 7.00 Get Your Handicap Down (1478) 7.30 World Cup Football (782590) 8.55 Sports Centre (205107) 9.00 The Footballer's Show (18652) 10.00 Sports Centre (37836) 10.30 Shooting (82720) 11.30 Pub Quiz (96565) 12.00 World Cup Football Special (40072) 1.30am The Footballer's Show (61878) 2.30-3.00 Sports Centre (96275)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Eurogolf (96823) 9.30 Dancing (25774) 10.30 Triathlon (96720) 11.30 Football (87045) 1.30pm Speedworld (58215) 2.30 Polo (82942) 3.30 Equestrianism (32010) 4.30 Triathlon (97652) 5.30 Rally Raid (79720) 6.30 Football (43861) 7.30 News (3565) 8.00 Motors (27300) 10.00 Boxing (13107) 11.00 Snooker (87869) 12.30am Chess (86343) 1.00-1.30 News (79091)



Alan Bates is a social climber (Bravo, 4pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4616497) 8.30 Peyton Place (4615768) 9.00 As the World Turns (8651774) 10.00 Guiding Light (2064294) 11.00-12.00 Another World (2157958)

SKY TRAVEL
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TLC
9.00am Craftwise (7326861) 9.30 Madeleine (7836126) 10.00 Grow Your Greens (1980565) 10.30 Will It Hurt? (7322045) 11.00 Only Human (2658403) 11.45 Draw with Don (15456861) 12.00 The Right Thing? (7240497) 12.30pm Jimmy's (7830942) 1.00 Madeleine (9812519) 1.30 Craftwise (7839213) 2.00 Youth (9757768) 2.30 Soul Mates (7024687) 3.00 Grow Your Greens (9832403) 3.30-4.00 Green Fingers

UK GOLD
7.00am Jossy's Giants (9719478) 7.30 Neighbours (9721213) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7249768) 8.30 EastEnders (7248039) 9.00 The Bill (7335519) 9.30 The Sullivans (7838584) 10.00 Dorothy L Sayers (9727497) 11.00 Dallas (9803861) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7242855) 12.30pm Neighbours (7832300) 1.00 EastEnders (9718749) 1.30 The Bill (7831671) 2.00 The Sullivans (51707671) 2.25 Are You Being Served? (8079942) 3.00 Angels (9834861) 3.30 Eldorado (7021590) 4.00 Casualty (64999381) 5.05 Every Second Counts (4922294) 5.45 Are You Being Served? (4311132) 6.25 EastEnders (9169519) 7.00 Eldorado (9753942) 7.30 The Liver Birds (7934010) 8.00 Angels (3120590) 8.25 Butterflies (8577774) 9.00 Danger UXB (1442774) 10.00 The Bill (2942855) 10.35 Classic Sport (51173478) 11.40 Edge of Darkness (9401958) 12.45am Dr Who (1390053) 1.10 Out (5817879) 2.10 Shopping (2284861)

TCC
6.00am Casper (83652) 7.00 New Pink Panther (52294) 7.30 Ready or Not (44229) 8.00 Sweet Valley High (88316) 8.30 Casper (5775316) 8.45 Dinobabies (5890671) 9.00 Sesame Street (11823) 10.00 Tiny TCC (84687) 12.00 Barney (69403) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (41887) 2.30 Madeline (5132) 3.00 Sonic (1497) 3.30 New Pink Panther (1749) 4.00 California Dreams (3584) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (9768)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (9400300) 7.05 Turtles (7123565) 7.45 Rugrats (993652) 8.15 The Ferals (310364) 8.45 Count Duckula (9062872) 9.00 Nick Jr (781942) 12.00 Lunchbox (34749) 12.30pm Pee-Wee (76213) 1.00 The Ferals (26294) 1.30 Dungeons (75584) 2.00 Denver (4132) 2.30 Galaxy High (1774) 3.00 Count Duckula (7039) 3.30 Legend of the North Wind (3519) 4.00 Turtles (9126) 4.30 Rugrats (8010) 5.00 Clarissa (2584) 5.30 Global Cuts (5590) 6.00 Doug (2403) 6.30-7.00 Count Duckula (6805)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wildside (5181749) 5.00 Out of the Past (9750855) 6.00 Future Quest (9075126) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (2498738) 7.30 Agenda 21 (7332652) 8.00 Azimuth (1357652) 9.00 Carriers (5276861) 9.30 Mysteries (7827478) 10.00 Fangs! (1443403) 11.00-12.00 Interstate (9726768)

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UK LIVING
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FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (6942) 5.30 Tintin (826229) 5.50 Batman (575300) 6.25 Catchphrase (605213) 7.00 Keyhole (3478) 7.30 My Two Dads (8897) 8.00 FILM: Hart to Hart (69300) 10.00 Busman's Holiday (60132) 10.30 Moonlighting (33478) 11.30 Batman (18316) 12.00 Tintin (27968) 12.30am Second Guess (99695) 1.00 Zorro (80121) 1.30 Rhoda (23324) 2.00 Moonlighting (57053) 3.00 Rhoda (92035) 3.30 Zorro (32091) 4.00 The Wonder Years (20256) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stallion (42594)

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7.00am Asian Morning (95321331) 8.30 High Life (54004045) 9.00 Punjabi FILM (69769958) 12.00 Campus (54008861) 12.30pm Manasi (45812687) 1.00 Hindi FILM (96082132) 4.00 Hasley Basley (10271381) 4.30 Nukkad (10277565) 5.00 Zee Zone (66982300) 5.30 Rail Shaheen (10364045) 6.00 Campus (10361958) 6.30 Zee and U 7.00 Red Card (97182565) 8.00 News 8.30 Antakshari (66070519) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM (71612229)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films.
8.00pm The Conspirators (1944): With Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre in Lisbon Resistance drama (21811010) 10.00 Clash by Night (1952) Barbara Stanwyck falls for her fisherman husband's friend (32408126) 12.00 Trial (1955): Lawyer Glenn Ford defends an impoverished Mexican accused of murder (60680527) 2.00am The People Against O'Hara (1951) Alcoholic Spencer Tracy tries to restore his tarnished reputation (60894545) 3.50-5.50 The Unknown Man (1951) (73512879)

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England protect walking wounded

Edwards bows out as Betts takes charge

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SHAUN EDWARDS joined Gary Connolly and Martin Offiah, his Wigan teammates, on the England rugby league team's list of sick and injured yesterday, leaving Denis Betts to assume the captaincy and Bobby Goulding the scrum half's role for the Halifax World Cup group game against Fiji tomorrow.

Edwards missed training yesterday after contracting a stomach virus on Sunday. As he is now recovering, his absence was principally a precaution against any possibility of the infection spreading to other members of the squad.

It would be a surprise were he not to take his place among the substitutes for the game at Wigan, which should see England as the first country to reach the semi-finals.

Offiah, as expected, misses the match. Recovering from a troublesome calf strain, he is still searching for the fitness and confidence that he needs to go at flat-out speed. He pulled out of the squad before the opening defeat of Australia for the same reason, but hopes to play in the final group game with South Africa on Saturday. The news on Connolly's recovery from pneumonia is far less certain.

Although a decision on whether to draft Richard Gay, the Hull full back, into the squad is being delayed a few more days, the chances of Connolly figuring in the later stages of the tournament are receding, which is a particular worry.

As well as they played to overcome the world champions last Saturday, a game decided mainly by Australian errors and English opportunism highlighted the need for more strike players than simply Jason Robinson and Paul Newlove. However, Nick Pinkney, of Keighley Cougars, is the one alteration to the threequarters. Barrie-Jon Mather has a calf strain, while Tony Smith forms a new halfback partnership with Goulding, as Daryl Powell picked up a few knocks on Saturday.

Betts looked ring-rusty at Wembley, after several inactive weeks, but Phil Larder, the England coach, expressed confidence in him getting up to speed and praised the "outstanding qualities of leadership he has shown in camp". Larder said that the support play of Smith at Castleford had impressed him all season and that Goulding could force his way into the reckoning for the semi-finals, against the winners from group three, which comprises Wales, Western Samoa and France.

Paul Broadbent and Dean Sampson, who will make his international debut, are two combative props to replace Karl Harrison and Andy Platt, who are rested, as is Phil Clarke, whose second-row replacement is Mick Cassidy. Paul Cook, 19, gets his first opportunity for national honours on the bench.

"It is important that everyone in the squad feels part of what we're trying to do," Larder said. "I have told them I will try and give them the opportunity to break into the team if we make the semis."

After New Zealand's scare in recovering from 24-12 down and beating Tonga only in injury time on Sunday, Larder is paying Fiji the utmost respect. "It nearly frightened me to death when I switched the radio on," he said. "It contained a message for every coach in the competition that you just can't afford to take anyone lightly."

The bruising impression left on South Africa on Sunday by Ilie Toga, the Fiji second-row forward, was one aspect of the explosive fashion that the islanders' play that Larder singled out as an obvious danger. For the poor South Africans, it was probably merely the softening up before the real pummelling tonight at Gateshead.

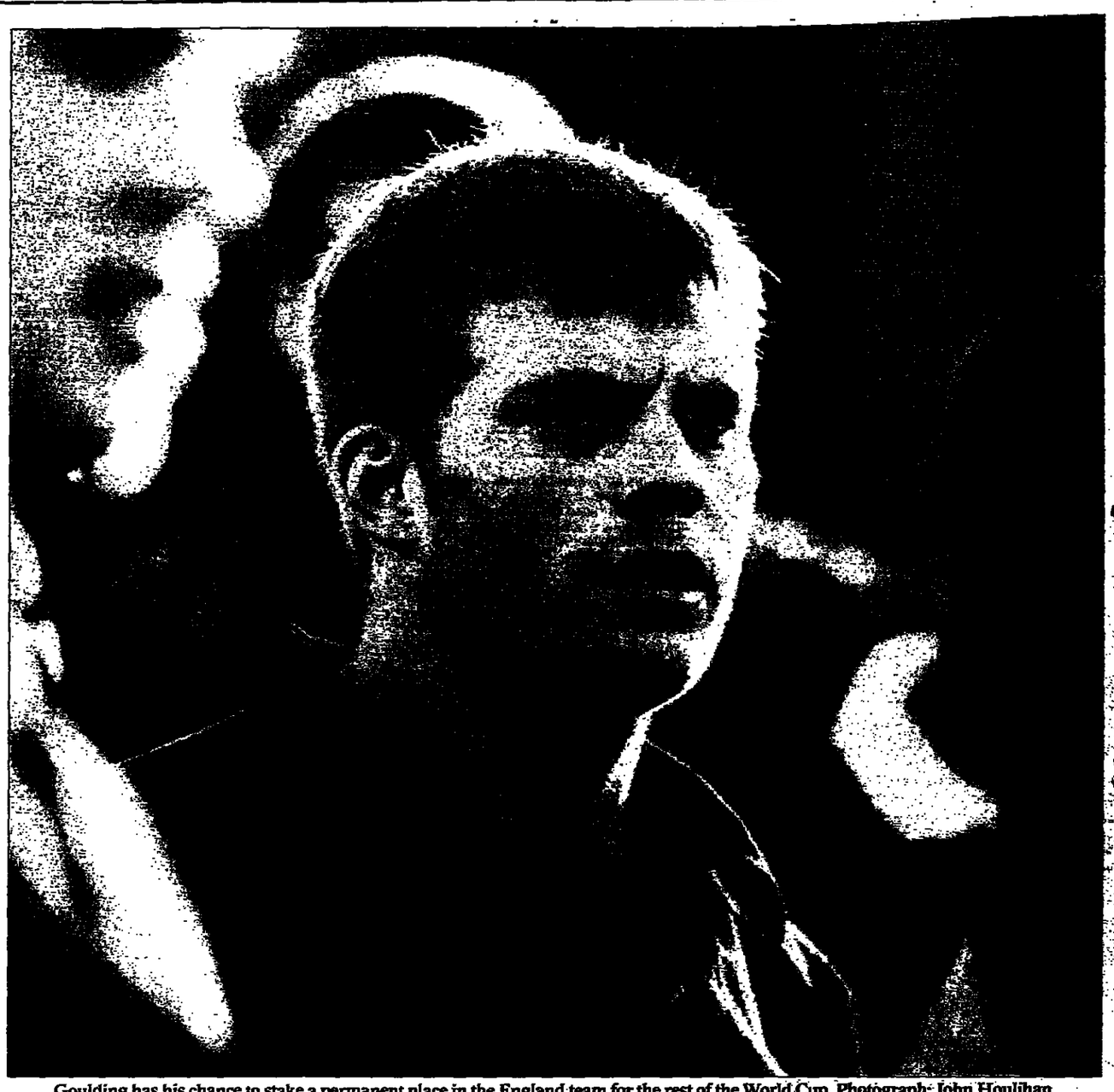
Australia's backlash from Saturday is the minnows' misfortune. The sort of thrashing they can expect — the Kangaroos' international world record 74-0 win set last year against France in Béziers should comfortably be exceeded — can only do the fledgling rugby league nation more harm than good. For ballast, South Africa have three props — Gideon Watts, Jaco van Niekerk and Jaco Booysen — in the front row.

A risk is being taken by Australia with Paul Harragon, the prop. Not with the captaincy, but the hairline fracture of the cheekbone that he suffered in a collision at Wembley with Brad Fittler, from whom he takes over. Harragon is one of seven in the 17 named who have reason to atone for their faults on Saturday, as is John Hopoate, who gets a second opportunity on the left wing.

David Westley and Bruce Mamando, the Canberra forwards, make their debuts for Papua New Guinea at Hull tonight, a test of Tonga's powers of recovery. A second defeat would make them the first country on the flight home.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (v Fiji at Wigan tomorrow) K Radlinski (Wigan); J Robinson (Wigan), N Pinkney (Keighley), P Newlove (Bradford), J Bentley (Halifax), A Smith (Castleford), S Goulding (St Helens), P Broadbent (Sheffield), L Jackson (Newcastle Knights), D Sampson (Castleford), D Betts (Auckland, captain), M Cassidy (Wigan), A Farrell (Wigan). Substitutes: P Cook (Leeds), S Edwards (Wigan), S Haughton (Wigan), S McCurrie (Whitrigg).
AUSTRALIA (v South Africa at Gateshead tonight) R O'Davis (Newcastle Knights); S Dallas (Sydney Bulldogs), P McGregor (Illawarra), D Moore (Manly), J Hopoate (Manly), M Johns (Newcastle Knights), A Johns (Newcastle Knights), P Harragon (Newcastle Knights, captain), A Raper (Cronulla), A Mule (Newcastle Knights); B Moore (North Sydney), N Kosef (Manly), J Smith (Sydney Bulldogs). Substitutes: M Carroll (Manly), W Barrim (St George), J Dymock (Sydney Bulldogs), T Brasher (Sydney Tigers).



Goulding has his chance to stake a permanent place in the England team for the rest of the World Cup. Photograph: John Houlihan

Papuans keen to fulfil home expectations

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BACK in Papua New Guinea, expectations are high, exceedingly so. Adrian Lam, their captain, said: "Rugby League is the No 1 sport there and everyone thinks we will win the World Cup. Yes, there is pressure on us. We can only give it our best shot."

The evidence for this confidence is not entirely clear. The "Kumuls" (the nickname means bird of paradise), have yet to win an international match away from their homeland. In the past, the complaint has been with the European cold. On a balmy evening on Humberside tonight, they will probably never have a better chance than against a Tongan side wearied by their exertions in narrowly losing to New Zealand 48 hours before.

Lam can imagine the scenes if they beat Tonga at the Boulevard, Hull's ground, and go on to a meeting with New Zealand on Friday at St Helens with the opportunity of a place in the last four. "They will go completely mad," Lam, a celebrity in the country he left when his family moved to Brisbane when he was seven, said.

The scrum half for the Sydney City Roosters said that he would have lost face with his people if he had turned his back on them and opted to represent Australia, a real possibility as a result of the outstanding series he had for Queensland in the State of Origin matches with New South Wales last season.

There is no bigger name in a country which, since Australian expatriates imported the game after the Second World War, has adopted it as more of a national obsession than sport, a passion hardly borne out by the country's international record, which fares better in the melting pot of home than away.

It is why Papua New Guinea's chances are regarded somewhat less highly outside. However, mixed in with the subsistence farmers from the Highlands and workers from Port Moresby, the capital, are a growing number of Australian-based Papuans.

David Westley and Bruce Mamando, the Canberra Raiders forwards, bring considerable knowledge to the side, while Lam is one of the finest playmakers in the Winfield Cup. On a visit to Papua New Guinea after helping Queensland to their 3-0 State of Origin series victory, he was mobbed by 10,000 people at the airport.

Lam feels the pressure, but no less so than those based in Papua New Guinea itself. Its people are expecting more, but even one win would trigger scenes reminiscent of that that greeted the defeat of Great Britain there in 1990.

Venables poses dilemma for FA

FROM DAVID MILLER IN OSLO

THE more one hears Terry Venables discuss the structure of his England team, present and future, the more he poses a problem: would the Football Association be better advised to ask him to continue as coach through to the 1998 World Cup, or to appoint him as technical director for the years ahead?

In either role, he can help to educate and develop not only players and/or future coaches, but also the public, not to mention the media. He refuses to get pinned down by stereotyped definitions and clichés by which many managers hang themselves. For example, Paul Gascoigne, who is injured and unavailable against Norway here tomorrow, is, Venables insisted yesterday, neither "unique" nor "irreplaceable".

Discussing alternative options, Venables said: "You don't try to copy him [when replacing him], because he's so different." He is unique. Venables argued, only to the extent that he offers certain specific qualities. Other players, such as Robert Lee, the expected replacement, offer other qualities.

Venables is all too aware that no team, least of all the national side, can be overcommited or dependent on any one player, hence his scepticism about the talented but individualistic Matthew Le Tissier. Venables needs a team that will be temperamentally uninfluenced and tactically insulated against the absence of any individual.

Lee last played, and scored, in the 1-1 draw against Romania at Wembley last October, and is expected now to play in central midfield in a quartet including McManaman, Redknapp and Wise. "He's a very intelligent player, similar to David Platt, with a good touch," Venables said, "an all-round player who's done remarkably well with Newcastle United."



Venables: sceptical

Instead of moaning about the absence of players besides Gascoigne and Platt, such as Barnes and Le Saux — as several previous England managers would have done — Venables is more concerned with stressing the qualities of those who will set out to reverse the last inept performance at the Ullevaal Stadium here. He is constantly calculating second and third alternative permutations.

Over the weekend, Venables had revealed that he had rejected an offer to join Internazionale, of Milan, for a purported reward of £1.5 million over three years. He appreciated, he said, the FA's faith in him — during a period of severe initial public criticism — and would remain loyal to his contract.

Yesterday, he declined to comment on speculation that he was among an alleged shortlist of four for the post of England technical director. "I've not yet seriously thought about the possibility," he said, though it seemed clear that what he meant was the desirability: the direction in which he wants his career to move.

His contract expires after the European championship finals, and he said that he would certainly discuss with the FA, before the finals, whether he and they wished for a continuation. He did admit, significantly, that he was increasingly enjoying the job, though he missed daily coaching with a club.

The alternative FA posts could cause Venables a dilemma. Were England to perform well in the European finals, it would be tempting to continue. Yet the technical director will be named before the finals have even begun: the first time that he will come under the full impact of public scrutiny, of acclaim or rejection.

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Broken leg adds to Hill's problems

BY OLIVER HOLT

AT THE point when it seemed that only some form of misfortune befalling Michael Schumacher could give Damon Hill even the slightest chance of winning the Formula One motor racing world drivers' championship, the Englishman revealed that he will have to race in the final grands prix of the season suffering from a broken right leg. Hill damaged the bone below his knee when he crashed heavily at the Nürburgring in the European Grand Prix ten days ago, but he has only just realised the extent of the injury.

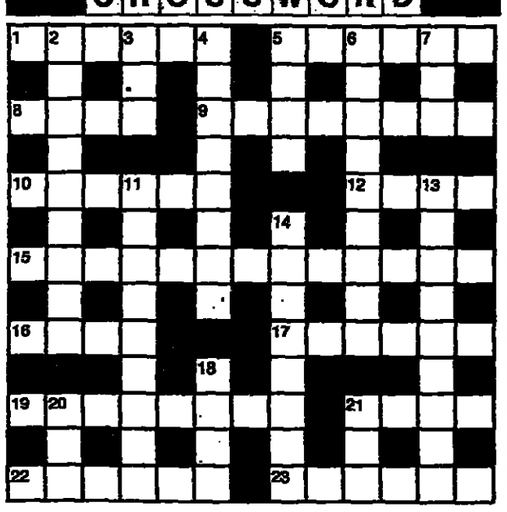
Hill said yesterday that he would try to shrug off the hairline fracture and race through the pain barrier at the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida, Japan, a week on Sunday. Schumacher needs only to finish fourth in the race to secure his second successive world championship.

"The leg still hurts," Hill said, "but it is not as painful as losing the world championship to Michael Schumacher. After crashing at the Nürburgring, both my legs were aching, but I could not walk on the right one at all. It was only at Imola during testing last week that I realised something was wrong. It got so bad at one stage that I had to return to the pits."

Hill hit the tyre barrier at the Nürburgring at more than 120mph and, even though the resulting fracture will cause him severe discomfort in the final races, the crash in Germany had already effectively ended any chances that he had of stealing the championship away from the young German.

If Hill finds that the pain is such that he cannot race, then his Williams team will be faced with an awkward dilemma. Jean-Christophe Bouillon, their regular test driver, has been hired out to the Sauber team, so Williams might be forced to resort to the expedient measure of drafting in Jacques Villeneuve, who they have signed to partner Hill next year. That would allow Villeneuve to learn two more tracks, but would also crush Hill's hopes of being runner-up to Schumacher.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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9 Skew-whiff (4-4)
10 Take out bones (6)
12 Hit with foot (4)
15 20C novelist, nee Stephen (8,5)
16 Run fast: skin (4)
17 Strauss's blue river (6)
19 Over against (8)
21 Smile: thick plank (4)
22 Carefree and happy (6)
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2 Australian native (9)
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4 Stimulating (8)
5 Solid foundation: teeter unsteadily (4)
6 Analyse: go wrong (5,4)
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20 Buddy (3)
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Russians fall victim to cold war in Norway's icy outer limits

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN SPITSBERGEN

The shrinking world market for coal may soon give Norway what it has never had since it gained sovereignty over this desolate and beautiful archipelago: sole possession of the world's most northerly inhabited land.

For more than 80 years Norwegians have scratched a harsh living from these icy mountains, mining coal side by side with Russians. Hard times have hit the industry. Spitsbergen coal, once so vital in the First World War, has no market in Norway and dwindling outlets elsewhere.

The Norwegians, oil-rich and enterprising, are rapidly diversifying this lopsided economy. However, the Russians have no money to maintain their presence. All subsidies from Moscow will stop in 1997, and the Russians are leaving in their hundreds.

Norway gained sovereignty over the Svalbard group of islands in 1920 as a reward from the victorious Allies for neutrality during the First World War. However, the Spitsbergen treaty limits Oslo's jurisdiction, and gives any of the 42 signatories the right to exploit the frozen resources. The Russians came in 1932 and, since then the Norwegians have been fighting a cold war on two fronts: against the climate and against any Communist threat to exploit this toehold on Nato's periphery.

The Soviet population, mostly Ukrainians, who numbered some 2,200 five years ago, isolated themselves in two self-contained settlements. They allowed almost no contact with the 1,200 Norwegians, clustered in the three other habitations on Spitzbergen, the main island. They even ran on Moscow time, two hours ahead of official Norwegian time. In 1991, as communism crumbled, the Russians symbolically turned back their clocks 60 years, reverting to local time.



With no roads and snowmobile transport possible only after November when enough snow covers the sharp rocks, the two communities still see little of each other. However, there are occasional sports matches, the Svalbard Governor has a Russian interpreter and the Russian consul-general is assiduous in acknowledging sovereignty.

The climatic cold war goes on, however, and here the Norwegians are making spectacular gains. Longyearbyen, the quaint capital named after John Longyear, an American entrepreneur who sold his mine to a Norwegian company, is brightly painted, tax-free and bustling. Only 900 miles from the North Pole, it has a university institute for 150 students, a school, hospital, television relay station, coal-fired heating and electricity, shops, and a museum of coaling and whaling history. A comfortable hotel opened last March to cope with the increasing tourist trade. There are also pubs, a church and a disco that boasts the hottest bands in the Arctic.

There are regular flights between Longyearbyen and the mainland every weekday. The air link, vital when the frozen winter sea keeps out ships, brings daily supplies.

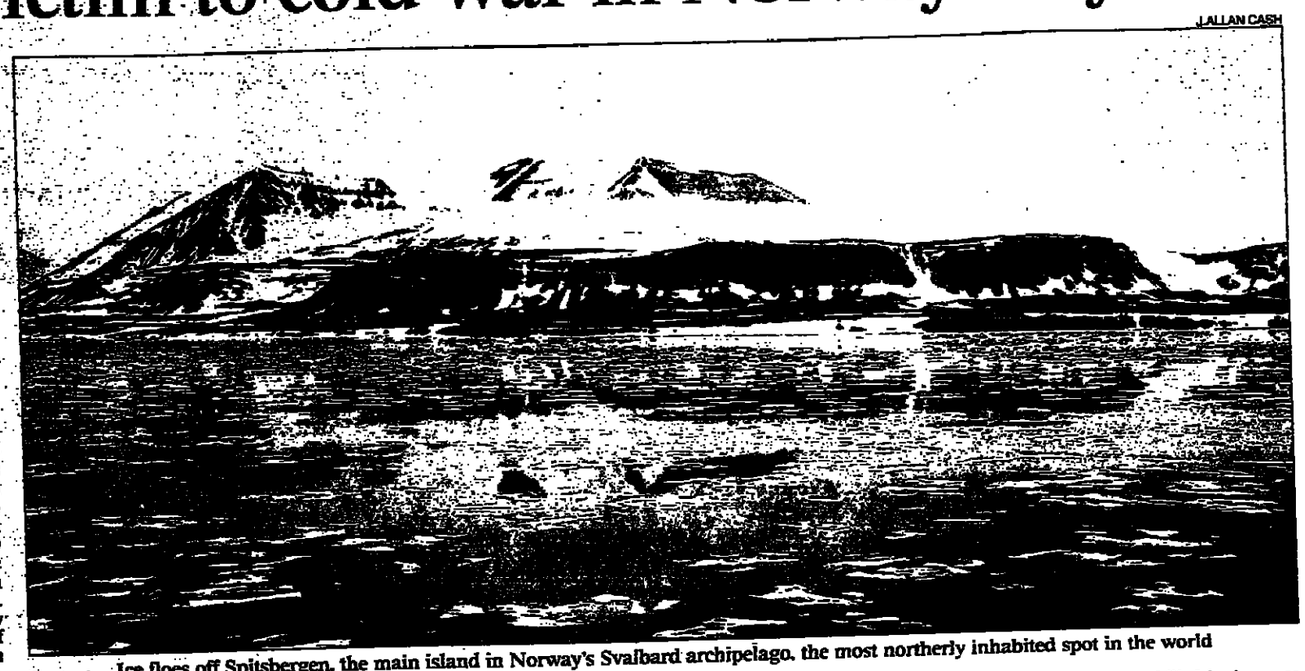
Since the end of the "Soviet threat", physical danger on Svalbard is posed by the 3,000 polar bears, whose numbers have increased dramatically since gaining legal protection 20 years ago. The bears, some of which weigh almost a ton, increasingly venture beyond the iceflows on the colder eastern shore and prowl around town. Two people have been killed by bears so far this year.

Norway supports Svalbard with £43 million a year in grants and coal price subsidies. The reason is still overwhelmingly strategic. The waters around the archipelago are rich in fish, and Norway last summer fought a fierce fish war with Iceland.

Norway's over-riding political aim is to keep a viable and diverse community alive. There is caution about development, however, and an oil boom would cause huge disruption to the fragile ecology. So far, 17 test bores have been drilled, but none have been commercially viable, for which most islanders are secretly relieved.

The treaty terms lead to quirks of daily life: asylum seekers are free to come to Svalbard even if rejected in Norway, and a Thai woman earns a living as a cleaner while a Turk drives a taxi. But the Governor has the right to send away anyone without a job. Pensioners are obliged to return to the mainland. There is no VAT, alcohol is cheap but strictly licensed, and Svalbard has no parliamentary representation.

Ann-Kristin Olsen, the first woman Governor, is sanguine about Svalbard's Norwegian future. The 20-strong Polish research station is the south of Spitsbergen and other international scientific outposts are assured of survival, but she is pessimistic about the outlook for the Russians and Ukrainians. "I would regret it if they left. It adds a dimension to life on Svalbard having so many nationalities here." Even without the Russian dimension, however, life in the world's most northerly town is rarely dull.



J.ALLAN CASH

Ice floes off Spitsbergen, the main island in Norway's Svalbard archipelago, the most northerly inhabited spot in the world

Azerbaijan's oil sales unblocked by pipeline deal

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A BRITISH-LED consortium yesterday announced long awaited plans to begin exporting crude oil from Azerbaijan through two pipelines in an attempt to appease competing interests in the volatile Caucasus region.

The Azerbaijan International Operating Company, which is led by British Petroleum, confirmed that it had decided to opt for a compromise scheme, which entails using two pipelines through Russia and Georgia.

"The first step in a giant project has now been taken," Terry Adams, the consortium's president, said. "The global oil industry is seeing the door open for many new investment opportunities in Azerbaijan."

The result is that Azerbaijan's initial oil exports will be divided equally between the two pipelines, one running north through Russia via Chechenia and Novorossisk, on the Black Sea, and the other running west through Georgia and on to Turkey.

The decision was made not for commercial reasons, but as a diplomatic compromise to appease the two competing regional powers without whom Azerbaijan might never have exported any of its huge oil reserves.

The oil-rich state has the potential to become another Kuwait but has been prevented from selling its oil by the politics of a region which has been affected by ethnic conflicts and political intrigue since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The oil reserves in the Caspian Sea are worth an estimated $4 billion and the drilling operation will last for 30 years. By the turn of the century, the consortium expects to be recovering 700,000 barrels of oil a day.

Yesterday's decision was concluded after months of lobbying. An initial proposal to export the oil south through Iran was rejected by the American members of the consortium. That left the two alternate routes through Georgia and Russia. While Ankara and Washington objected to a Russian monopoly of the route, Moscow made it clear that it would not tolerate Azerbaijani crude leaving solely through Turkey.

Yesterday Natik Aliyev, the president of Azerbaijan's state oil company, said that the details for the completion of the new pipelines would be finalised with Moscow and Tbilisi within weeks. However, this failed to reflect continued unease over the highly unstable political situation in the Caucasus which could undermine any long-term projects.

Azerbaijan is still engaged in a conflict with Armenia over the enclave of Nargorno-Karabakh, while the Azerbaijani leadership is subject to continuing unrest, which led to bloody street fighting in the capital, Baku, earlier this year.



Moscow pulls out of Chechen peace pact

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE peace settlement in Chechenia was unravelling yesterday after the Russians said that they would stop honouring the military agreement signed by the two warring parties in July.

The separatist government of General Dzhokhar Dudayev, which still controls the southern mountains of Chechenia, accused the Russians of bombing their headquarters at the village of Roshni-Chu on Sunday evening. The Chechens said 28 villagers had been killed and 60 wounded in the attack, which they called "an act of terrorism against a peaceful population".

The situation in Chechenia has deteriorated rapidly since Friday's bomb attack on Anatoli Romanov, the commander-in-chief of Russian forces in Grozny, the Chechenia capital. Three soldiers were killed and General Romanov was seriously injured. The general was a keen supporter of the peace process and had struck up a good working relationship with his Chechen negotiating partners.

The Moscow authorities have been searching for a response and President Yeltsin has spent the last two days debating whether to impose a state of emergency in Chechenia that would grant the army special powers.

The July 30 agreement set up a truce in Chechenia and required Chechen villagers to hand in their weapons in return for the Russians pulling back most of their troops. By pulling out of the accord, the Russians are now able to resume an offensive against the rebels.

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Nato planes bomb Serb bunker as conflict goes on

BY STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO planes attacked a Bosnian Serb command bunker near Tuzla with laser guided bombs yesterday after Serb forces launched a series of assaults on government targets, killing one United Nations peacekeeper.

Armies on both sides of the Bosnian conflict continued to attack each other as they waited for instructions to observe the midnight ceasefire or to continue fighting. However, the military reality on the ground had less influence on the fate of the planned ceasefire than did the question of whether the inhabitants of Sarajevo would be able to switch on their lights and heat their flats with gas.

As Bosnian Serb forces continued to shell government territory around Tuzla, Nato planes flew overhead in search of the Bosnian Serb heavy weapons. However, they failed to locate the guns and one Norwegian peacekeeper was killed by the Serb attacks.

Government forces were reportedly firing out of the Tuzla area and continuing to advance in Doboj in northern Bosnia and Mrkonjic Grad in western Bosnia. The Bosnian Serbs launched a counter-offensive near Bosanska Krupa, 50 miles west of their stronghold, Banja Luka.



Meanwhile, a Bosnian government delegation flew to Moscow in a last-minute effort to convince the Russian gas company, which serves Sarajevo, to turn on supplies in spite of the Government's £64 million debt.

On October 2, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, agreed to ask the UN Sanctions Committee to restore gas supplies. However, the Russian gas company demanded assurances from the Bosnian Government that it would pay the outstanding bill. The Bosnian delegation was hoping to have an answer by yesterday evening.

"We're all just sitting here waiting for a call from Russia," said Tony James of Britain's Overseas Development Administration, which has been working to repair old and damaged gas lines and connections in Sarajevo. "A man in Budapest is just waiting for instructions to press a button that opens a valve. Once he does that, gas can flow into the city."

As the negotiations proceeded, repair teams from both sides of the conflict worked throughout the day to repair damaged electricity supplies to the Bosnian capital. The line runs from government-controlled Kiseljak, through a Serb-controlled pocket west of Sarajevo. On Sunday, the armies, including the Bosnian-Croats, removed mines from around the cable.

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia had said that Serb attacks on a refugee centre near Tuzla on Sunday, in which several children were killed, would not affect the ceasefire set for today. However, a hint of the Bosnian Government's plan to postpone the truce came when a Foreign Ministry adviser said he doubted the ceasefire would be implemented for at lease a couple of days.

Meanwhile, an international warrant for the arrest of Dragan Nikolic, a Bosnian Serb prison camp commander accused of murder and torture, is expected to be issued by judges at the war crimes tribunal in The Hague. A hearing into the charges against the former commander of a camp at Susica, in northeast Bosnia, where about 8,000 Muslim prisoners were held, began yesterday.

Witnesses to his alleged crimes, which included killing eight Muslim prisoners, torturing ten others and deporting more than 500 civilians between April and September 1992, will appear before the tribunal for the first time.

In an opening address yesterday, Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor for the tribunal, said he would ask ten witnesses to testify against Mr Nikolic. He was the first person indicted by the UN tribunal but he has remained free since being charged in November last year.



Relatives of some of those who died trying to get into the Madrid court where seven former government officials went on trial yesterday

Toxic oil victims pin hopes for payout on trial

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THOUSANDS of victims of one of the world's worst mass poisoning have their last chance to win compensation with the trial of seven former government officials which opened in Madrid yesterday.

Fourteen years ago, the officials were responsible for departments that should have stopped adulterated rape seed oil intended for industrial use being sold as cheap cooking oil.

As a result of using the toxic oil, more than 25,000 Spaniards, mainly from poor city suburbs, suffered a debilitating illness: about 1,200 have died, 4,000 are crippled and 20,000 are still unwell, although the Government spent £2.25 million between 1986 and 1994 searching for a cure.

Any official convicted faces up to eight years in jail and fines of £76,000 for each death and up to £456,000 for each person crippled. The door would be opened for victims to obtain compensation from the Socialist Government for criminal negligence by the previous Union of the Democratic Centre administration.

The High Court judge who originally charged the officials said the state would be liable for damages if the individual defendants could not pay. Ten people convicted of refining and selling the oil did not have sufficient assets to meet the £2,500 million compensation bill demanded by lawyers representing the victims.

"I have spent 15 years suffering this illness. No one has helped us and we have to fight for something," said one of about a thousand victims, many as thin as concentration camp prisoners, who demonstrated outside the national court at the start of the trial. "What we want is justice," said another. They are furious at what they consider the inhumane attitude of Angeles Amador, the Minister of Health, who has dismissed compensation claims by remarking: "Health care to the sick [toxic oil victims] causes no problem." Arcadio Fernández-Molina, president of the National Association of Toxic Syndrome Sufferers, replied: "The sick are not satisfied by the health, work or social care they are receiving."

The oil, sold by men who realised there was less tax on industrial oil, suffered a chemical reaction when refined to remove a tell-tale dye.

Fruit-fly gene trio share Nobel prize

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO Americans and a German were yesterday awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine for the study of genes that control the early development of an embryo.

The winners, who share $1 million (£650,000), are Edward Lewis of the California Institute of Technology, Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard of the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology in Tübingen, Germany, and Eric Wieschaus of Princeton University in New Jersey.

These three biologists identified and classified the small number of genes that determine the body plan in the fruit fly. The same sets of genes, which are called homeobox genes, are found in many other species, including humans, and defects are responsible for many congenital malformations and for early spontaneous miscarriage.

Dr Lewis, 77, was first into the field in the 1940s, working "far ahead of his time", the citation from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm said. Dr Nüsslein-Volhard, 52, and Dr Wieschaus, 48, began a collaboration early in their careers. Dr Wieschaus said he had been asleep when the telephone rang: "This man spoke to me in a Swedish accent. I thought he probably had the wrong number. Maybe he did but they're not going to take it back."

Embryologists seldom win Nobel prizes: their subject is complex and intractable. The work of the three winners, and others, has shown that the rules that govern development in the womb are also apparently universal.

Sabotage blamed as 100 are hurt in Arizona rail plunge

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

POLICE blamed sabotage yesterday after a passenger train plunged into a ravine in the Arizona desert, killing a crew member and injuring at least 100 passengers, 30 critically.

Local authorities called in the FBI after an electrical cord was found wrapped around the tracks, and notes were discovered nearby. Some reports said they were addressed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the federal law enforcement agency blamed by America's right-wing militia movement for the deadly 1993 raid on the Waco compound of the Branch Davidian cult led by David Koresh.

"We have evidence it was not an accident — it could be terrorist activity," said Joe Arpaio, the county sheriff.



Koresh: leader of cult in deadly Waco siege

Two men were taken into custody about three miles from the crash site, but later released. The accident happenedas Amtrak's Miami to Los Angeles train was crossing a remote bridge about 60 miles southwest of Phoenix. The two locomotives and all 12 carriages, carrying 267 passengers and crew, left the track. The train's diner and two sleeping cars tumbled over the edge.

"We were awakened . . . by a violent shaking," said one woman passenger who was travelling with a friend. "The car was beginning to twist and turn and we both just hung on and knew we just had to ride it out. Then it began to slowly tilt as it was moving and shaking and suddenly — boom."

The accident site was inaccessible by road, and rescuers had to use a fleet of helicopters to bring out the injured. "We have every-kind of life-threatening injury you can imagine," said a spokesman for the local sheriff's department.

The train's engineer raised the possibility that there had been some kind of tampering with the tracks.

WORLD IN SUMMARY

Karachi gunmen in rocket attack

Karachi: Gunmen blasted the seven-storey Singh provincial government building, which houses ministers and senior officials, in Karachi yesterday with several rocket attacks, wounding at least seven people (Zahid Hussain writes).

Police said seven rockets hit the sixth and seventh floors of the highly protected building, devastating the Cabinet room and the offices of the two estate ministers. Neither of the ministers was in the building, which caught fire. The Government blamed the opposition Mohajir Quami Movement, but it denied being behind the attack.

Graf gives way in tax battle

Bonn: Steffi Graf declared she would allow a public discussion of her private tax affairs (Roger Boyes writes). The announcement, by her lawyer Peter Danckert, came amid rumours suggesting the tennis player would soon be arrested on tax evasion charges. Her father, Peter, and her accountant are on remand. A spokesman for Opel, the car company which sponsors her, said: "The way things stand today, I could not imagine that there will be a new contract at the end of the year."

30 Mexicans die in earthquake

Mexico City: An earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale killed at least 30 people in the western state of Jalisco, radio reports said. Radio Red quoted government rescue services as saying 30 people were killed along the coast with the towns of Cihuatlán, San Patricio and Melaque being the worst hit. Experts said the quake had its epicentre along the coastline, 330 miles west of Mexico City. *(Reuter)*

'Torture jail' visit

Jerusalem: The Red Cross was allowed its first visit to Khiam jail in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon since it was opened by Israel's Lebanese militia allies ten years ago. There have been claims of torture of its 200 inmates, all held without trial.

Stuck in the past

Pretoria: South Africa's Post Office, under fire for snail's pace mail delivery, marked World Post Day with a stamp depicting a runner with a cleft stick, who some say would improve the service. *(Reuter)*





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Setback for Democrats as Senator decides to go

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Democratic party suffered a devastating blow yesterday when Georgia's Sam Nunn, ignoring appeals from his fellow Senators and President Clinton, announced his retirement next year.

His departure will deprive the Democrats of one of their few remaining congressional heavyweights, make it all but impossible for his party to recapture the Senate next year, and accelerate its dramatic collapse in its former stronghold of the South.

The senator, who is 57 and one of the last old-style Southern conservative Democrats, offered no particular reason for his decision. But he lost his eight-year chairmanship of the powerful Senate armed services committee when the Republicans seized Congress last November, and is said to have grown increasingly frustrated by Capitol Hill's acrimonious new partisanship. During 23 years in Washington he has established himself as the Senate's foremost authority on defence and played a pivotal role in many key decisions ranging from the Senate's rejection of both John Tower, President Bush's nominee for Defence Secretary, and President Clinton's early plan to allow homosexuals in the military, to giving Russia financial aid to dismantle its nuclear arsenal. Even Republicans on the armed services committee had urged him to stay, fearing his departure would diminish the committee's stature.

Mr Nunn becomes the eighth of the 15 Democratic senators facing re-election next year to stand down and his seat, like the other seven, is now vulnerable to a Republican challenge. The Republicans have a 53-46 advantage in the Senate with one vacancy. The question is no longer whether the Democrats can re-capture the Senate in 1996, but whether they can prevent the Republicans achieving the 60 seats they need to deprive Senate Democrats of their last real weapon — the filibuster.

Democrats also regarded Mr Nunn as one of the bulwarks preventing their party being completely swept away in the South, a region it has dominated since the Civil War and the cornerstone of its past presidential victories. The Republicans, aided by Mr Clinton's deep unpopularity, have been making spectacular inroads there in recent years and for the first time since the Civil War hold a majority of the region's Congressional seats, Senate seats and State governorships.

Though Mr Clinton and Mr Nunn have had their differences, the President telephoned the senator to urge him to stay on. The White House is concerned that a hotly-contested Senate race will boost the Republican turnout in Georgia next year and rob the President of a big State he won narrowly in 1992.



Sam Nunn: an old-style Southern heavyweight

☐ **Black rally:** Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam movement, has invited O.J. Simpson and a member of his legal team, Johnnie Cochran, to take part in a black rally set to fuel racial tensions still further in America (Tom Rhodes writes). The Million Man March, described by Mr Farrakhan as a day of prayer, protest and atonement for black men, takes place in Washington next Monday.



Muslim Filipina girls outside the United Arab Emirates Embassy in Manila demand the release of the condemned Sarah Balabagan

Filipina maid appeals for death row reprieve

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER
MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

THE appeal by a 16-year-old Filipina maid against a death sentence imposed last month for the murder of her 70-year-old Arab employer was opened yesterday then adjourned for three weeks.

Sarah Balabagan, who claims she stabbed her employer in self-defence during a rape attack, is seen by many as a symbol of the ill-treatment meted out to female servants in the Arab world. Before the hearing opened, the family of the dead man, Almas Muhammad al-Baloushi, rejected efforts by the United Arab Emirates Government to offer "blood money" to avert the maid's execution. The man's son, Faraj, insisted: "There is no going back ... no sign of any change in the family position."

The family's refusal has placed the President of the Emirates, Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, in an awkward position. Under strict Islamic law, he can declare clemency, but the victim's family has the right to insist on the death penalty.

The death sentence has provoked outrage in the Philippines where ill-treatment of servants abroad has become an explosive issue. President Ramos sent two experts in Islamic law to assist the Balabagan family with the appeal. Yesterday the parents and four-year-old sister of the maid were in court to plead for clemency. They carried an affidavit showing that Miss Balabagan was 16, and not 27 as previously claimed by Emirates officials. This, they said, showed the condemned teenager was a minor.

Arab legal sources claimed that lawyers yesterday persuaded the court of the need for more testimony to be heard, including that of another Filipina who allegedly heard Miss Balabagan complain before the killing that she had been sexually harassed by her employer.

In Paris, President Chirac said France was following the case "very closely" and was ready to intervene if necessary. A Save Sarah petition in France has collected 100,000 signatures.

Despite the international repercussions, Western diplomats report that public opinion in the Emirates appears to favour the death sentence. The court ruled that the hearing will resume on October 30.

De Niro on assault charge

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ROBERT DE NIRO, the actor whose roles have included a prize fighter and Al Capone, has been charged with assault outside a New York bar. He allegedly punched a photographer on the nose.

The incident is said to have occurred at 1.30am on Saturday, when Mr De Niro left the Bowery bar, a club in Manhattan. The actor was reportedly approached by Joseph Ligier, one of the new breed of "video paparazzi" who linger outside fashionable bars in the hope of filming well-known faces.

Mr Ligier claimed that he was hit on the nose, seized by the hair and thrust over a car bonnet. Mr De Niro allegedly demanded the videotape. "No way," said Mr Ligier. The tape is now being held by police for possible use in court.

A spokesman for Mr De Niro criticised "rat crew" photographers who engaged in "ambush journalism". Mr De Niro has not been blessed with much luck recently. It seems a long time since he was acclaimed for his starring roles in such films as *Raging Bull*, in which he played Jake La Motta, the boxer, and *The Untouchables*, in which he portrayed Al Capone.

Maples aide charged with sending nude fax

New York: Nude photographs of Marla Maples, wife of the American property developer Donald Trump, have been sent by fax to various business addresses in New York. A former assistant of Miss Maples has been charged with aggravated harassment (Quentin Letts writes).

Office workers at the Plaza Hotel, once owned by Mr Trump, and at several fashion houses watched with bemusement as the image of a naked Miss Maples slowly emerged from their fax machines.

Chuck Jones, a former press aide of Miss Maples, has been charged with sending the faxes. Last year he was convicted of taking items from her wardrobe and admitted having a "physical, psychological, sexual relationship" with her shoes.

Media in OJ hunt besiege resort

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

REPORTERS and paparazzi descended on the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean, only to hear O.J. Simpson's representatives deny that he was expected there.

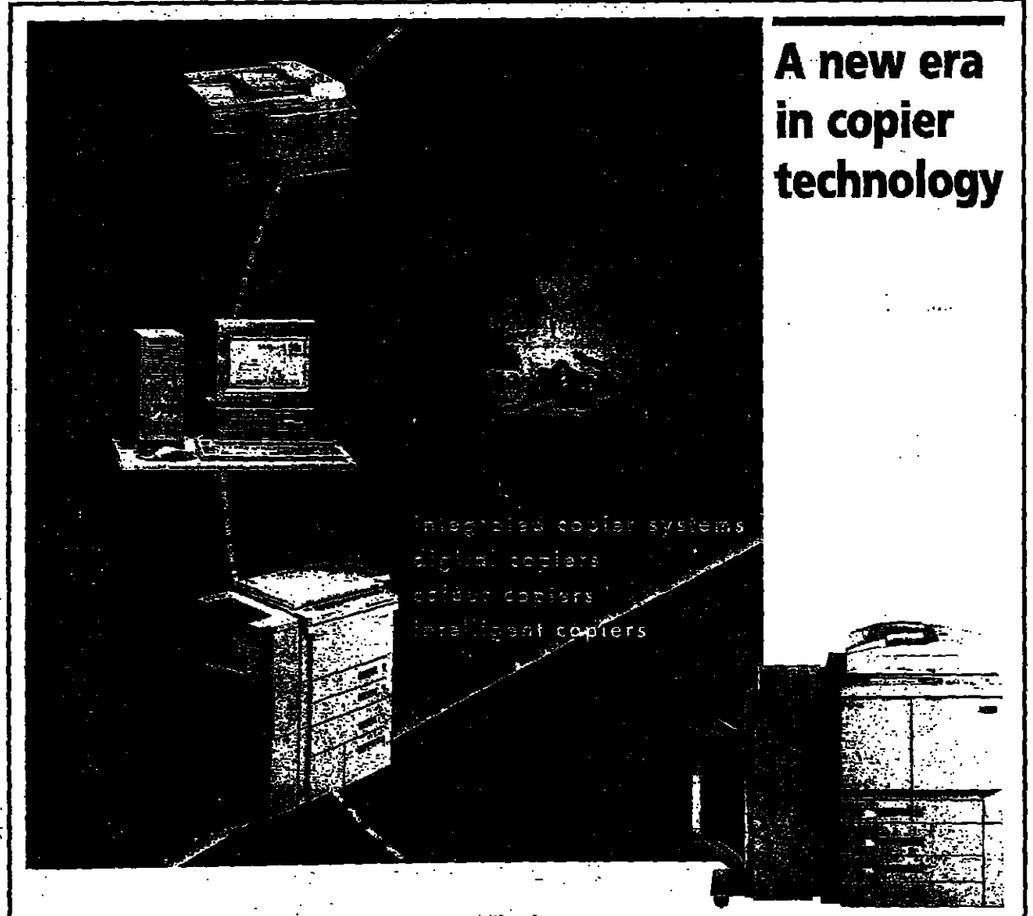
The island's exclusive Casa de Campo resort became the scene of an international press stake-out within hours of a local newspaper reporting that the former America football star and his girlfriend were due to fly in, possibly for a wedding.

According to the *Listin Diario*, Mr Simpson and a party of four were scheduled to arrive at La Romana international airport, half of which is sealed off for the private use of such visitors as Robert Redford and the King of Spain, on Sunday afternoon. An anonymous source at the Casa de Campo confirmed that there were bookings there in Mr Simpson's name.

However, by Sunday night neither the man who was acquitted in Los Angeles last week of double murder, nor his girlfriend, Paula Barbieri, had arrived. Johnnie Cochran, Mr Simpson's lawyer, said there was no truth to the reports of a hastily arranged island holiday, though he did not rule out the possibility of marriage.

Mr Cochran, who will represent Mr Simpson in three civil wrongful death cases being brought against him over the murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, was vague as to his client's whereabouts.

Los Angeles police, whose sloppy investigation of the murders became a plank of Mr Simpson's defence, believed in the weeks after the crimes that he received help cleaning up after the murders. The revelation comes in this week's *Time* magazine, which claims detectives followed Mr Simpson's oldest son, Jason, and his friend, Al Cowlings, after the murders, in case they went to the crime scene. The theory that Mr Simpson was not alone there were not part of the prosecution's case for lack of evidence.



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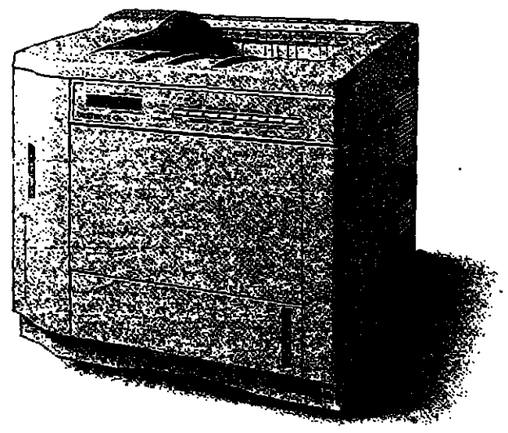
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The right to choose wrong

Kate Muir defends an apparent change of heart by Naomi Wolf on abortion

The aftershocks are still rolling in from Naomi Wolf's kick at the very belly of feminism, an article published this week in America's *New Republic* magazine which declares that abortion is a moral iniquity and that the pro-choice movement is at risk of becoming "callous, selfish and casually destructive".

From a woman with two right-on, pro-choice tomes in her oeuvre — *The Beauty Myth* and *Fire With Fire* — this sudden appearance of sympathy for the "pro-life" movement is curious, except for one fact: Wolf became pregnant last summer and gave birth to her daughter Rosa six months ago. Practice caused her to rethink theory.

Her article, "Our bodies, our souls" (parodying the feminist book *Our Bodies, Ourselves*), has caused much clashing of handbags throughout the sisterhood, and much delight for those who like nothing better than hearing the politically correct shout, *mea culpa*. The *Daily Mail* gloated: "How pregnancy turned a feminist against the sisters", and noted that the women's movement had been "rocked by a major defection from the pro-choice lobby". *The Sunday Times* bellowed: "Abortion heretic outrages feminists", and called the article a "scathing attack on the feminist orthodoxy of unfettered access to abortion".

But the facts, and Wolf's argument, are a great deal more complicated than that. Wolf remains pro-choice in the legal and practical senses — of that there is no doubt. But she objects to the rhetoric used by the pro-choice movement describing the foetus as "tissue" or "just a bunch of cells", and abortion as little more than late contraception. That a "termination" should be couched as merely a medical decision and not an ethical or even religious one strikes her as wrong.

"It was when I was four months pregnant, sick as a dog, and in the middle of an argument, that I realised I could no longer tolerate the foetus-is-nothing paradigm," writes Wolf. "The 'pro-life' slogan 'Abortion stops a beating heart' is incontrovertibly true."

Wolf has not joined the enemy camp. What she has done is realise that abortion is an awful, disturbing, scarring decision for a woman, and that there are repercussions for the conscience. Above all, it is a grey area, and only the most evangelistic feminists and "pro-lifers" see it in black and white.

Wolf and I were pregnant with our first children in America at the same time. We regularly rang one another to discuss both the unpleasant and delightful details of our condition: the first thumbsucking ultrasound picture; the finest dinner lost to morning sickness; the difficulties of finding a midwife in a country which holds them in low regard. We even compared belly size and food obsessions.



Naomi Wolf recognised that the slogan "Abortion stops a beating heart" was incontrovertibly true

For two 31-year-old women who had normally been concerned with what was going on in their heads rather than their bodies, this was disturbing. We had trouble concentrating on our previously much-prized work. Something which could fit in an eggcup was already disrupting our lives and would surely wreak greater havoc. For once, the physical came to dominate the intellectual, something neither of us had anticipated. Emotions did not replace cold opinions, but they tempered them.

Probably Wolf felt the strangeness of making another life more than most, sitting contemplating at her desk all day. Like many feminist writers, she is also in the habit of extrapolating her own experiences into theories and then books. No incident goes unplumbed, and pregnancy and birth gave her a great deal to think about.

She has never had an abortion, although she did take the morning-after pill once before she was married, an act she now has regrets about: "I chose myself, on my own terms, over a possible someone else, for self-absorbed reasons."

Thus her change of position is not surprising, and perhaps to be applauded, for at least she is not leaving feminism in a rut. Indeed, her first book, *The Beauty Myth*, on the straitjacket of physical appearance, strictly followed the traditional feminist tenets. But her next effort, *Fire with Fire*, acknowledged that women had to work alongside men for change, and that the patriarchy was not always the enemy. Thus, her "reversal" on abortion is more a development of thought.

In Britain it is hard for us to understand the intensity of public emotion surrounding abortion in America. There, each politician must have a position on abortion, and the procedure itself is fraught with danger, with attacks, bombings and doctors killed at abortion clinics. Because the "pro-life" movement is so fanatical, its opponents are forced to equal extremes, to "cultivate a hardness of heart".

The pro-choice movement, backed up against the wall, cannot afford to talk about women mourning their lost children. There is no room, says Wolf, for Americans who want to support abortion as a legal right but still need to condemn it as a moral iniquity.

She concludes: "Abortion should be legal; it is sometimes even necessary. Sometimes the mother must be able to decide that the foetus, in its full humanity, must die. But it is never right or necessary to minimise that value of the lives involved or the sacrifice incurred in letting them go."

Wolf, for the first time, evokes the language of religion, and depicts abortion as a sin which must be redeemed. She points out that in Japan, memorial services are often held for the souls of aborted foetuses. Shinto doctrine holds that women should make offerings to help the foetus to rest in peace.

Hurley and the fashion for Rome

Catholic taste in beauty

SOMEHOW the Catholic conversions of Ann Widdecombe and John Gummer did not have quite the thrilling appeal of the prospect of the Princess of Wales or, as mooted this week in *Harpers & Queen*, Elizabeth Hurley contemplating the road to Rome.

This is not just because we expect the plain to be pious, though there is a deal of that, but because we — or so the reactions to the non-announcement would seem to indicate — still very much take a puritanical view of such matters: that is we expect, rather, the pious to be plain. There is a difference.

I should confess here that none of this, really, is quite my bag. Being neither in a worldly nor spiritual sense starstuck, I have no particular interest in the religious leanings of those who were put on earth to have their life made hell by the paparazzi. For the record, I am a passionate atheist, whose natural instinct to scorn sentimental religiosity is often tempered, weedily maybe, by a desire not to be impolite.



NIGELLA LAWSON

But the link between fashion and faith is a fascinating one. It is certainly a pronounced one, and one that seems to be profoundly misunderstood in the puritanical pronouncements about Hurley's putative conversion. The feeling seems to be that there is some intrinsic disparity between the life of the model and the Catholic convert. Thus it is announced that Hurley is, as it were, hanging up her Versace frocks and so on. In one article it is remarked that for the interview in which she confesses her plan to convert, she is wearing patent leather boots costing £385.

But Roman Catholicism has never been known for its sartorial austerity. And actually, with the amount of cloth of gold Gianni Versace uses, I'd have thought his clothes were eminently suitable for those of a Popish persuasion.

Indeed, for many, it is the very emphasis on display and ritual that makes Catholicism attractive. The fashion world and its satellites are full of those who particularly savour the conjunction of sexually charged guilt and dressing up, which fuses into a sort of grandiose mystical aestheticism.

Madonna is a case in point. I don't say she has made Catholicism fashionable exactly, but she has, in her videos and pronouncements, made of it something resonant and thrilling. Certainly it was she who made it trendy for young girls to hang crucifixes on themselves as if there were no tomorrow. If she made Catholicism sexy it is because she feels it is sexy. And maybe there is something in that in a permissive age where all is allowed, one can see the frisson in admitting back into the bedroom the idea of sin.

I do not know exactly why the good looks of the Princess of Wales and Elizabeth Hurley are seen to detract so signally from the genuineness of their religious impulses. It seems to me that beautiful women are if anything particularly drawn to religion. Marilyn Monroe famously converted to Judaism, the Princess of Wales as famously has been rumoured to be converting to Rome. Perhaps there is a connection. In Carrie Fisher's first novel, *Postcards From the Edge*, the narrator and Fisher-figure claims to feel that she "has been punished by rewards". Maybe there is some sense in which the very beautiful wish to atone for their worldly blessings at the same time as wishing to prove that it is not these that matter.

Goddesses on earth perhaps feel the need particularly intensely to express that side of themselves that is unworthy, unbeautiful. Used to being venerated, they no doubt grow to despise the veneration: one can see the brisk, soul-loofahing delight in the prospect of being worshipper not worshipped.

William R. Inge wrote that "many people believe they are attracted by God or by Nature when they are only repelled by man"; perhaps the members of the tabloid press with their long lenses and cruel pens have more to answer for than they thought.

Is Camelot an astonishing success story or simply an exercise in ripping off the gullible? **Rachel Kelly** on 12 months of lottery fever

A year that turned us all into dreamers

A year ago, Camelot was King Arthur's seat and Anthea Turner an unknown former *Blue Peter* girl. The National Lottery was but a glint in the nation's eye.

Now we have become a nation of lottery players. It is the year-round equivalent of the office sweepstake on the Grand National. *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* have their lottery correspondents. More than 30 million of us spend a total of £100 million a week on tickets and "Instants" scratchcards.

The draw, which is shown live on BBC1 on Saturday nights, is watched by an average of 14 million viewers. Anthea Turner has become a household name who can negotiate £600,000 pay packages with GMTV. The lottery is, in the words of Camelot's chairman, Sir George Russell: "The most remarkable start-up I've ever been involved with."

A nation has changed in the process. Financial analysts report that ticket buying has had a perceptible impact on spending and saving. The cinema industry blames the lottery for a 20 per cent fall at the box office. But corner shops with a lottery agency have seen turnover boosted by 25 per cent and profits raised by an average of £10,000, says Camelot.

Pools firms have seen their sales slump. Small charities are losing millions in public donations, says Stuart Etherington, the chief executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. Meanwhile, the five good causes to which 28p in every lottery pound is granted — sport, charities, arts, national heritage and the Millennium Fund — are gaining.

The lottery launched a moral debate. Is it a Treasury rip-off and a testament to despair? Is it subverting our national character? Or is it just harmless fun, celebrating good fortune rather than greed? In January, the bishops told their flock that the lottery was a form of "national-sponsored gambling designed to encourage false hopes and over-indulgence". Even the Archbishop of Canterbury has given warning of the dangers of lottery frenzy.



Russell: no bonanza

Such warnings have lessened over the months. Most people apparently love the lottery and the debate has all but dried up. One year on, what remains is concern about the detail rather than the principle. Should Camelot make profits? Or should the lottery operator be non-profitmaking? Camelot's profits in the first six months of the lottery were £6.3 million net, some 0.5 per cent of sales. Sir George says he expects profits to be about 1 per cent of turnover after tax. Assuming a turnover of £3.8 billion a year, that would be about £38 million of profit. Sir George says this is not an obscene figure, as his critics have argued, and is small beer compared with the profits of the privatised utilities with which Camelot has been compared.

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But his main defence of profits from what is essentially a monopoly business is that a company motivated by profit in a capitalist society is likely to deliver a better, more efficient service than a company in which profits are concealed as "costs". He earns £50,000 a year, with £25,000-a-year pension contributions for a one-day week as chairman of Camelot. And no, he has never bought a lottery ticket. The rules don't allow it.

Other critics have carped at the delays in handing out lottery money to the five good causes which are meant to benefit. They are right. They say more money should be spent on medical charities and less on buildings; right, too.

Too many large lottery subsidies have gone to rich people's fancies: more than £50 million was given to the Royal Opera House; £12.5 million to the Churchill family and £3 million to Eton College for a sports track.

Much criticism has been directed at Camelot. "But it's absolutely nothing to do with us," says Sir George. "We wish the money would be distributed more quickly. We feel somewhat saddened that people think it is Camelot's fault. We're not sitting on this great pot of money. That's up to the Government, and there are always delays when the Government distributes money. In part, it is because we are all victims of the lottery's success. Nobody could have foreseen that this amount of money would be generated this quickly."

Nobody denies teething problems. But nobody can deny the lottery's success either. Perhaps this is because we banned a lottery for 170 years and there is a staggering amount of pent-up demand. No wonder we all know who Anthea Turner is now.

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Fewer women graduates go into hospital with menstrual disorders than those without any qualification, **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** says

When a woman's education counts

The assumption that a D&C (dilatation and curettage), or a hysterectomy, is as much part of middle-class Home Counties life as a BMW on the drive and a gin and tonic before dinner has been severely dented by a Medical Research Council report, published in the *British Medical Journal*.

The research, by workers at University College London, also consigns to history the image propagated by medical novelists such as A.J. Cronin or Francis Brett Young of tired, pale, working-class women, worn out early by hard manual work and repeated childbearing, being encouraged to tolerate heavy periods without being offered recourse to specialised help.

The UCL figures show that by the age of 43, 10 per cent of graduates have undergone a D&C compared with 24 per cent of those with minimal education. When it comes to hysterectomies 1 per cent of those women who gained a degree in their youth had lost their wombs in middle age, compared with 15 per cent of those without any qualifications.

The chance of having either a D&C or hysterectomy was proportional to the educational background of the patient, with university graduates and women with no qualifications being at the extremes of the gradient. The occupation of the woman's partner was also significant, underlining the socio-economic as well as educational importance of the woman's background; surprisingly the woman's own social class, disregarding education, was statistically insignificant.



Although the likelihood of having a hysterectomy did bear a relationship to the number of children the woman had borne, and hence possibly to her socio-economic group, the hysterectomy rate was still more closely related to educational background than to any other factor. The size of the woman's family, however, was not related to her chances of being admitted for a D&C.

The most striking difference in the hospital admission rates of graduates and those who left school at the minimum age with no qualifications and no post-school training, was in their liability to need hospital treatment for menstrual disorders. Only 1 per cent of the best educated women went into hospital with these problems, compared with 19 per cent of early school leavers.

The class differences in gynaecological complaints and their treatment is related to the number of children a woman has; the higher incidence of cervical cancer among the less well educated must also be a factor. But it seems that other, more subtle influences are more important.

The research showed that a woman without much education was likely to opt for surgery, and therefore tended to press her doctor to refer her to a gynaecologist. Although these women from the less affluent and less educated groups consulted their doctors more about heavy bleeding, evidence suggests that they were possibly not so well informed about gynaecology and therefore less likely to have the long consultations with their GPs which might have made them disinclined to resort to surgery at an early stage of their troubles.

Whatever the education and affluence of a patient, irregular bleeding between periods (whether after sexual intercourse or spontaneously), any post-menopausal bleeding, and any persistent heavy bleeding need investigation. When possible early hysterectomy is to be avoided, as it predisposes to heart disease and osteoporosis.

TOM FINNIE





Barry Speker in the 1940s with his elder brother David (left) and mother Leonora, and today with his wife, Bega, and children, Sarah and Robert, outside their Gosforth home

What happened to the class of 1947?

Does a deprived childhood affect adult health? **Anjana Ahuja** on the follow-up to a landmark study

If you were born in Newcastle in May or June 1947, doctors want to hear from you. That was the year that a landmark medical study, *A Thousand Families in Newcastle upon Tyne*, was launched. Nearly all the babies born in the city in those two months had their every cough charted, their home environment dissected, and their parents scrutinised.

The participants provided a cross-section of social class, parental profession and family structure. Mothers were interviewed at length and housing studies were done. The result is an unparalleled sample of social conditions and child health.

Now, nearly half a century later, researchers are trying to trace these "Red Spot" babies — so called because their medical records were marked with a red spot — to see how early childhood may have affected adult health.

"Newcastle was chosen for the study because the paediatricians here were concerned about the large number of children in their clinics with severe infections," explains Dr Louise Parker of the Institute of Child Health in Newcastle. It was the first time that such a large group of children had been followed for so long, and the study showed that infections and diseases, such as tuberculosis and polio, were more common among children from deprived backgrounds.

"It is so obvious that poor people get more illnesses," Dr Parker says. "But until this study it had never been documented in a scientific way. The poverty was astonishing. For example, one in three families shared a toilet with other families," she says.

Of 1,042 babies born, only four families refused to co-operate. Stillbirths, infant deaths and migration out of Newcastle cut to 967 the number of babies who were followed to the end of their first year. Led by Professor James Spence and Professor Fred Miller, the experiment blossomed into an unrivalled piece of social history, with three weighty books recording the medical, academic and social progress of the Red Spots until the age of 15.

There are statistics about how many children stammered, wet the bed, suffered a squint and had "contact with the law". The books are written in the stern, almost moralistic, language characteristic of social studies in the Fifties and Sixties. Chapters on illegitimacy contain cameos of problem families and reminders of the "wholesome relationship of stable marriage".

Barry Speker, a Newcastle solicitor, was born in the city on June 28, 1947, into what he describes as a lower middle-class family. "My first recollection of being a Red Spot goes back to when I was about two years old," he says. "A nurse used to give me 'jelly patches', a big plaster with gel underneath. My mother insisted my elder brother had them as well, just in case they were doing some good. It made us feel special."



Dr Louise Parker with Red Spot birthday cards

Mr Speker's father sold cinema advertising and his mother was a hairdresser before she married. Childhood, which brought all the usual diseases, was spent with his brother David in a terrace house with a live-in maid. "Maids were not unusual in those days," Mr Speker says. "The really posh people had a television and a car."

The 11-plus examination was Mr Speker's passport to the state grammar school, where the foundations for his career in law were laid. Now he is a stalwart of the local community — married with one graduate daughter and a teenage son, the senior partner in a law firm, a part-time district judge, an adviser to children's charities and lecturer on mental health law. His brother is also a solicitor. Neither, as the study might have predicted, has suffered health problems.

All the Red Spots had to sit intelligence tests. "I did them at grammar school and that was the first time I met other Red Spots," Mr Speker says. "And you could never forget that you were a Red Spot, because we would be sent a birthday card every year."

Pristine copies of the birthday cards sent to the Red Spots still lie in a file at the Sir James Spence Institute of Child Health, Newcastle. This is where, three years ago, the idea of reviving the study was conceived. Although the connections between poverty and childhood disease have been demonstrated by this and other studies, there are still many questions about class and health that remain unanswered. One of these is whether a deprived childhood casts a permanent shadow over adult health even if a person has climbed the social ladder. To help researchers to judge this, the Red Spots will be asked about the community and environment in which they live, and to volunteer information about their council tax band, as a guide to wealth.

"The impetus for continuing the study came from Professor David Barker in Southampton," Dr Parker says. "His work indicates very strongly that the seeds of adult diseases, such as heart disease and late-onset diabetes, are sown before we are born. So, if a woman was undernourished during puberty, it is likely that her child will be undernourished. This increases the risks of the child getting diseases in later life.

"With the Red Spots, we have unique documentation of people who are now approaching their fifties. We can begin to find out if the cycles of poverty and disease are still there," Dr Parker says. The Red Spots are being traced through their GPs, and local appeals. Most still live in the North of England, but items on the BBC World Service have alerted Red Spots in Hong Kong and Australia.

So far 844 have been traced. Of those, 30 have died and about 300 have responded positively to the renewed interest. The 48-year-olds will be sent a questionnaire about their lifestyle such as drinking, smoking and family life, and will also undergo a medical examination.

Dr Parker will conduct the follow-up, funded by a three-year £267,000 grant from the Wellcome Trust, with her colleague Professor Alan Craft, and Professor George Alberti from the Newcastle School of Medicine. "We are hoping to come back to the Red Spots — when they are in their sixties."

A new way to circulate your own blood

Nigel Hawkes on the advantages of the autologous transfusion

GOOD IDEAS in medicine do not always sweep all before them. A perfect example presented itself last week in Edinburgh, where a group of 200 medical, legal and patient representatives met to discuss autologous blood transfusion — the use by patients of their own blood during operations.

The idea is simple: you give your blood in the weeks running up to the operation, and get it back when it is needed. The risk of picking up somebody else's infection is eliminated, and so are the side-effects of being given blood that isn't your own. But for a variety of reasons it has never caught on in Britain.



Ready to recycle

The conference, which brought the experts together at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, concluded that there was "a low degree of public interest" in the technique, though it could be made widely available.

In America up to 10 per cent of those having elective surgery opt to have their own blood available. The main reason why few patients do so here is the great faith people have in the standard of donated blood, says Colonel Michael Thomas, a former director of the Army's blood supply unit and chairman of the Autologous Transfusion Group.

A benefit of autologous transfusion would be to ease pressure on blood supplies, particularly those for rare blood groups. Dr Michael Desmond, consultant anaesthetist at Broadgreen Hospital in Liverpool, said last week: "Cardiac surgery is going to increase in Britain and we must consider whether we are forever to ask people to donate more and more blood."

Patients who could benefit are those preparing for orthopaedic surgery. They would make up to four visits at weekly intervals before the operation, building up a supply of their own blood. In at least three-quarters of such operations, that would provide all that was needed.

Colonel Thomas is enthusiastic about an alternative technique, in which blood shed during the operation is saved, cleaned, and then returned to the patient. This is called intraoperative salvage. "It defies logic to suck blood out of a wound, throw it away, and then employ people to take blood out of other people to replace it," he says.

Given the right equipment in the operating theatre, 70 per cent of the blood lost during an operation can be recycled. "In cases where two units or more are needed, it is safer than an ordinary transfusion," Colonel Thomas says. "And it substantially reduces the need for donated blood."

Hip replacements, cardiac bypasses and prostate operations are all candidates for this technique. The equipment needed is an additional cost, but the costs of collecting and matching blood from donors are reduced by a comparable amount. The costs balance out in operations in which demand for blood exceeds a litre. "Every hospital should now be considering this technique," he says.

In some cases, it could even be a life-saver. Where bleeding is excessive, finding enough units of the right type can be difficult. Recycling the patient's own blood puts less strain on the transfusion service, and on the patient.

BUT MORE controlled trials are needed to ensure that the benefits are realised, and that there are no unexpected problems. The experts recommended setting up a national register to record cases in which autologous transfusions go wrong.

Colonel Thomas hopes the consensus statement will be widely circulated, since pressure from patients and GPs is the best way to change the present apathetic climate. "We also need trusts to start thinking about it," he says. "We don't want to raise public expectations until the service is obtainable."

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With sweet Home at the Hirsel

Magnus Linklater remembers

the gentle pragmatist PM

In 1992, a month before the election, I went to see Lord Home at the Hirsel, the family house near Coldstream in the Scottish Borders. We had lunch in the bay window of the large and draughty main dining room, which looks out over a steep escarpment, dropping away to the River Leet beneath.

Outside, a March gale tore through the trees and the burn boiled white with flood-water. He pointed out the level to which it had risen a week or so before, and assured me that it was now going down. It still looked fairly dramatic.

He wanted to talk about the devolution debate that was raging in Scotland in the run-up to the election. I had been warned that he tired easily, following the stroke he had suffered some 18 months earlier, after the death of his wife, Elizabeth. But although he needed some help in walking, and was nursing a paralysed arm, he was entirely lucid, animated even, and we talked for a good two hours as the windows rattled. I remember wondering if the weather had been similar when Neville Chamberlain went to the Hirsel in 1938 to recuperate after Munich.

It was, for me, a fascinating discussion. Lord Home was not only the last of the gentleman Prime Ministers, he was a throwback to that class of patrician Tory which used once to command a majority of support in Scotland, but which scarcely exists at all today. The very first Minister of State for Scotland, appointed by Churchill in 1951 with the throwaway line "All right — have your Home sweet Home", he had first come to grips with Scottish affairs when the Prime Minister instructed him to "go and quell those turbulent Scots". As one himself, he came to the early conclusion that the best way of doing so was to give them a greater say in their own affairs.

He had no difficulty with the principle of devolution, and while remaining a convinced unionist, he said in his memoirs that he had "a good deal of sympathy with Scottish aspirations". In the pre-Thatcher era, he worked on a scheme for a directly elected Scottish assembly with its own legislative and funding powers, which might well have transformed the fortunes of his party north of the border.

But in 1979, Lord Home aroused anger — contempt even — among many Scottish voters when, at the time of the referendum on Labour's Scotland Act, he appeared on television urging a no vote. He thought the Act as drafted thoroughly unsatisfactory, and said voters should wait until something better came along. It was a critical intervention, and undoubtedly helped to swing votes against it. But "something better" never did come along, and there are many devolutionists who still find it hard to forgive him.

Writing about it later, the former Editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, Arnold Kemp, recalled bitterly: "It was a magificent if somewhat hammy performance. This quavering old aristo, this loyal servant of the British State, had done his bit for the Union again."

That, as I discovered from our lunchtime discussion, was not at all what had been in Lord Home's mind. He believed at the time that he was speaking up for Scotland. "The Act as drafted was divisive," he said. "It would have resulted in too much power for the central belt, and it would have alienated other regions like the Borders and the Highlands. More important, it didn't tackle the central difficulty of striking the balance between an assembly in Edinburgh and a Parliament at Westminster which has still not been solved. I'm sure it was right to vote against it."

But he was keener to talk about the Scotland of the present than to look back at the past. He wanted to make it clear that his misgivings were still that he had not come across a solution which would make devolution workable.

He understood the continued enthusiasm for change. He himself had always argued that a decentralisation of power from Westminster to Edinburgh would be a healthy reform in line with Conservative principles. He had no truck with those who saw it as the thin end of a nationalist wedge — "a very irritating argument" he called it.

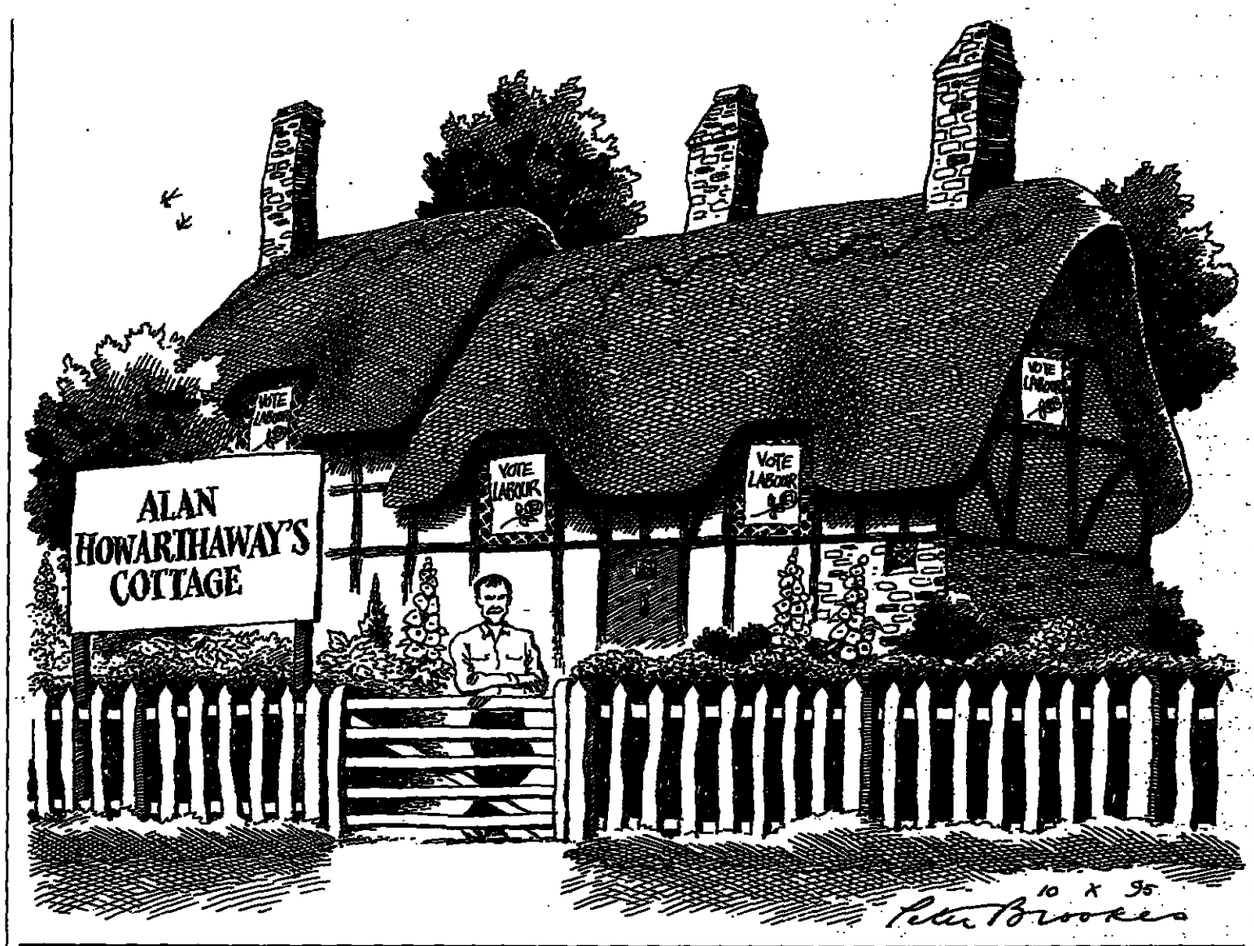
> He thought the division of power had never been settled

Far from being an exercise in nationalism, it should be aimed at creating more efficient government.

And this, he felt, was where current proposals, insofar as he was abreast of them, continued to fall down. He could not see that anyone had resolved the question of the division of powers between Westminster and Edinburgh.

His own report — issued in 1970, after he headed a committee set up under Edward Heath — had suggested that a Scottish assembly should debate purely Scottish Bills, with a third reading in the House of Commons, in order to emhasise the unity of the United Kingdom and to give Westminster what he called "a background power of disallowance". But looking back, he felt that this had been the weakest part of his report. "I don't really think we ever solved that problem," he told me. "I could see it leading to endless arguments between the two bodies. Where do you draw the line? Where does real power lie? Would it work?"

I asked if he would like to see something published along these lines, but he thought not. "I don't really think I should get involved again," he said. "I don't think I've got the energy or the knowledge now to make a useful contribution." I left him sitting next to the fire in the drawing room of the Hirsel, a frail and gentle figure, balancing a cup of tea on his knee. He might, I thought, be remembered as an amateur politician, but he remained a pragmatist to the end.



The new wind of change

The governing classes should listen to Howarth's message from the people

Libby Purves

Two classy conferences are at it this week: two halls full of attentive listeners, their leaders prettily framed in plywood and soundbites. They are renewing acquaintances, nodding in sympathy with a popular speaker and frowning at a daring one, rising to cheer and risking the occasional boo.

Two different conferences, on the face of it: the Tories in Blackpool, and the Headmasters' Conference in Dublin. But the more you think about it the more unnerving parallels there are. The Conservatives may rule the country and the HMC only 253 public schools, but their preoccupations echo one another uncannily, and so do their reactions. A carefully crafted speech about corporate strategy, financial management, presentational initiatives, moral renaissance, hearts and minds and traditional values could, at a pinch, be delivered at both without anybody noticing. Nor would it take Alan Bennett to script a murmurous conversation in the bar: something about the unfairness of the media, the essential irrelevance of sexual scandals and the fate of poor old Tim, so unfairly shafted by his board of governors — sorry, constituency party.

I spent some time on Sunday amusing myself by drawing more parallels. Both the Conservative Party and the public schools know what it is to be dogged by sex scandals. Both enjoy a love-hate relationship with the media, courting us one moment and blaming everything on us the next. Both have an uneasy, sullen feeling that their traditional base of unquestioning supporters is growing restless. Both contain elements so arrogant that they horribly embarrass the majority. I know this because last year I indulged myself with a Miss Piggy swipe at the HMC chairman Roy Chapman for having had the nerve to say that the independent schools could fill the "gaping moral vacuum" of society because parents had already made an "important moral decision" in paying for their children's education.

Well, I ranted. I admit it. Did any heads' heads, I demanded, get buried in their hands when he said that? Did it occur to anybody that it is a bit steep for these frequently uncharitable "charities" to praise their well-off clients as a moral élite at the expense of nurses, teachers, ambulance crews and so on? I received only one letter of headmasterly reproof: from Gordonstoun, meekly pointing out that they are good eggs who run the local fire brigade and have bags of public spirit. All the other letters were from heads mainly saying yes, they were exceedingly embarrassed, and wished their leaders would remember, when inspired to promote moral values, the golden teaching rule of "Show, don't tell".

Which brings me to more parallels. Both Tories and headmasters tend, when feeling vulnerable, to fall back on waffle about traditional values. And both are suffering, right now, from an attack of Two Nations disease. The lower orders, with whom they thought they had a bluffly cordial relationship, have started throwing things.

What gets thrown at the Conservative Party I need not detail; but I was intrigued at the weekend to see reports for the first time in living memory that the boys of Harrow School are being set upon in the street: ten incidents this term. *The Harrovian* magazine, in an anonymous editorial, has pleaded with boys to stop swaggering down the road like "the stereotypical little rich kid". The pupil who wrote it clearly — and generously — feels that although the violence is on one side, there could be faults on both. He sounds like any Tory wet, fretting about the perception of his party. Meanwhile, assorted teenagers at Harrow bus station told reporters that Harrovians flash their money around in McDonald's and eye up local girls in a provocatively seigneurial way.

In other words, this particular hostility is based on real feeling, not on some failure of PR. It parallels the wider, despairing anger of Middle Britain faced with governmental swagger and misdirected spending; it is the feeling which led to the devastating step taken by Middle Britain's new champion, Alan Howarth.

There is a new wind blowing, and both public schools and Conservatives try to turn it back with the feeble weapons of publicity. The HMC is going to waste time this week discussing not education, not how to reach beyond the boundaries of wealth, create more scholarships and enrich more young lives, but how to "present" itself. The headmaster of Uppingham is going to demand a "corporate relaunch", and propose that they commission a TV soap about a boarding school. Honest.

What the Conservatives will propose I do not yet know, but the odds are that it will be equally presentational. Tax cuts, after all, are nothing but presentation: if the country is divided and disorderly and the public services in a mess, nobody feels any richer anyway. We end up spending it all on burglar alarms, Bupa or private education.

The one area where the headmasters are streets ahead of the Tories is that — being used to difficult parents, and only seeing one another for outbreaks of *folie à 253* once a year — they do acknowledge doubters, and stay polite. They do not denounce their detractors. They ask them round and try to show, not tell.

Whereas Tories just lash out without listening or thinking. In the case of Alan Howarth, one man's honest and moving statement set his old colleagues hissing like a nest of malignant vipers. On *Breakfast with Frost*, the defector spoke gently, modestly and from the heart. Whether or not Tony Blair's gang is all he hopes, it is plain that his faith is sincere. It was like a holiday to hear an MP so hungry for generosity and optimism and social justice. Reader, I believed him.

Then on came John Redwood, calling him "eccentric", observing piously how betrayed the electors of Stratford must feel, and implying that he had chickened out of a public debate. John Major patronisingly added that he would "regret his mistake", and Alan Clark called him "batty" and "treacherous" and said that Peter Mandelson obviously wrote the resignation letter and Howarth just signed it (libellous, do you think?) Then Brian Mawhinney, lashing his tail, called him "bizarre", pretended to be "sad" at "the end of a political career" and made cracks about Dennis Skinner. (Unwise, considering that his own party attracts the likes of Master Hinchcliffe, the alarming 14-year-old from Tottenham who has saved up all his pocket money to go to Blackpool this week to expand upon his views that beggars ought to "fish in the Thames and pick fruit off the trees", that "poor people should stop complaining" and the local hospital is "full of old geriatrics who waste the taxpayer's money". All parties have nutters, Dr Mawhinney. They do not invalidate the mainstream, yours or Labour's.)

It was all exceedingly nasty and unconstructive and lightweight: the rattle of hollow politicians who have long ceased caring about anything except hanging on. It was not only unkind, but probably suicidal.

For the new wind blowing from the electorate is likely to bowl over anybody light and hollow and unballasted by genuine care. What all parties should know is that — leaving aside Mr Blair's faintly embarrassing rhetoric of last week — there genuinely is a new hunger for a more just, kinder society. Not just a richer one: we all know times can be hard, and that wolves beyond our control howl after the national sledge; what we cannot bear is seeing the children and the old and the sick cavalierly thrown off it in "our" interest. I get letters, dozens every week; I meet far more people outside the media and politics than within them. The constant impression is that far from Westminster's narrow tittering preoccupations there is an ever more insistent call for a change of heart, for fairness and compassion. It comes from stuffy Old Tory country landowners and retired admirals, from dismayed ex-yuppies and anxious parents of all classes; from professionals and cleaners, WRVS stalwarts, JPs and teenagers and commuters and salesmen and small-c conservatives like Alan Howarth.

He meant what he said, and Stratford voters would be daft to let him go. Whether Mr Blair's lot are as good as he hopes we shall have to decide, but anybody who sneers at what he tried to say at the weekend is a fool, and good riddance to them.

Saying goodbye to a party

Woodrow Wyatt

on the pain of changing sides

I was neither an MP nor a parliamentary candidate when I left the Labour Party in the mid 1970s. I had lost my seat at Bosworth in 1970 after 11 years, ending 25 years' Commons membership, apart from four years out of the House in 1955-59. I knew something was wrong when the Coalville miners' band played at a fête in the garden of the local Conservative Party chairman. The dwindling numbers of miners disliked Labour's high taxation on their substantial earnings and many voted against me. When I had lost after a recount, some extreme left-wing members of the local party said it was because I was thought to be a Tory. "Why else do you think they have been voting for me in this rural hunting constituency?" By 1992 it had become a safe Conservative seat with a majority of over 19,000.

I voted Tory in 1974, but like Alan Howarth, I found it hard to cut the emotional ties with my old party. We had been drifting apart for years over such issues as steel nationalisation and the growing communist influence in the unions causing Labour's policies to move ever leftwards. My defection brought me obloquy as a traitor from party activists in the Aston and Bosworth constituencies, though not so much as I expected. Jim Meadows, my agent at Aston and a Lord Mayor of Birmingham, sympathised with my attitude and warnings of Labour's increasing unelectability. I never lost the friendship of Frank Chapple of the electrician's union, nor of Eric Hammond, who became its general secretary, nor of Bill Jordan and Gavin Laird, president and general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. We had all fought together against communist encroachment.

Naturally there were old Commons colleagues who spurned me. Tony Benn — whom I have always liked and admired despite his wild eccentricities — was one. Roy Hattersley was another. He turned his back on me if we chanced to be in the same room, though that was no great hardship. In the Lords I have felt some lingering resentments. Lady White of Rhymney tends to look at me as if I were something the cat brought in. But on the whole I have always found Labour MPs more friendly and with more genuine warmth than most of their opposite numbers. Their problem is having treated their faith in Labour more on a religious than a secular plane, making it difficult for them to adapt to changing circumstances. They are certainly having a crash course from Mr Blair and Mr Mandelson now.

Tony Crosland disapproved of my support for Margaret Thatcher, but this did not change the warmth of a friendship of 30 years' standing. Nor did Roy Jenkins. The latter, then President of the European Commission, was himself about to make a dramatic breach from Labour, with the inception of the SDP by the Gang of Four, which included Shirley Williams and David Owen (who had succeeded as Foreign Secretary when Crosland died in February 1977).

The defection of senior Labour figures was so prevalent in those days that Tony Blair's gloating today over gaining one unimportant former junior minister looks out of all proportion. It was nothing more than a dirty trick designed to blow up the Tory conference. When this sinks into the public consciousness, there will be no harm done to John Major but a good deal to Mr Blair.

It is unpleasant to see the hapless Mr Howarth coaxed and coached into deceiving his constituents by using his parliamentary vote in the opposite way intended by the large majority who elected him in 1992. Even as Blair spoke at his party conference of the noble ideals of the new Britain he proposed to create, he was plotting the most dishonourable and unscrupulous political manoeuvre I have ever known. In honour, Blair should require his new recruit to resign and fight the consequent by-election. But, disappointingly, Blair has sacrificed honour for ambition.

Since I left Labour I have not joined any other party, and I never will. As has been said in another context, some of my best friends are Tories. My being in the Labour Party never clouded my friendships from Oxford pre-war days — with Julian Amery, Hugh Fraser, Ted Heath, Maurice Macmillan and so on. But there is something unattractive in the modern Tory parliamentary party. Too many Tory MPs are too much concerned with making money as a by-product of their status, and too little concerned with the principles of duty and service to their country. Margaret Thatcher and John Major unmistakably put their country first, as did Alec Douglas-Home.

He was a model of the unselfseeking MP, and so impressed the country with his sincerity that he came within four votes of defeating Harold Wilson in 1964. When he was replaced by Ted Heath as leader, he willingly served him as Foreign Secretary in the Tory Government of 1970-74. Tory selection committees should look for more of his ilk, and not be bewitched by the smooth-talking smart-alecs they so often select.

Safer hands

THE HOTTEST tip for a Conservative candidate in Stratford to replace Alan Howarth, the defector to Labour, is Francis Maude, the former Treasury minister who works for a merchant bank.

Maude's ability when in office was widely respected, and he knows the constituency well: his late father Angus replaced John Profumo as MP for Stratford in 1963, after the War Minister resigned over his affair with Christine Keeler. He became Lord Maude of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Maude *fils* refused to be drawn yesterday about whether he would be putting his own name forward, but he admits he is fond of Stratford. "My links go back a long way. My first political activities there were when I was ten and my father was fighting the by-election. I was still in short trousers and I used to help carry campaign posters around."

The Conservative Association in Stratford says no shortlist has yet been drawn up. But Peter Smith, the local agent, admits that good local connections with the area count enormously: "His name has been mentioned as a potential candidate."

Maude is contemptuous of Howarth's left turn: "The local party has been kicked in the teeth," he said. "After all, Alan and I co-founded the right-wing No Turning Back Group in 1983, and now look at what he's done."

● *Patric Walker, who died at the weekend, took to astrology for business reasons after a dinner party where he met Celeste, the venerable lady astrologer on* Harper's Bazaar. *She predicted the collapse of the property business he was building up. "Just as she said, it went down, and I was so impressed I wanted to know how she did it." The answer — and his new business — lay in the stars.*



"If things aren't going well, you can't just change sides"

DIARY

Happy family

BRITAIN'S most fecund monogamous peer is celebrating the forthcoming marriage of one of his extensive brood. Lord Teynham, who has five sons and five daughters by his wife Elizabeth, is marrying off Sophie, 28, his second eldest daughter, to one Rupert Van den Bogaerde.

Like the Bennet parents in *Pride and Prejudice*, Teynham is looking forward to seeing all his offspring spliced. "It will be a while yet. My youngest, Alice, is only 11. But it would be nice to have them all to Christmas lunch with spouses and grandchildren, though we will have to build an extension first."

Teynham's claim to being the most fertile peer is pipped only by that of the Earl of Stradbroke, who has 15 children by two wives, and lists his recreation in *Who's Who* as "making babies".

Two by two

AMONG THE 350 singers and musicians belting out highlights from *Les Miserables* at the show's noisy 10th anniversary party at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday night was Elizabeth Watts, who starred in the show five years ago. Almost as soon as she came off stage she gave birth to twins, two weeks early.

"I got home at midnight and by 8.45 that morning I had two little girls," she said yesterday, recovering in her hospital bed in Highgate. "There was a lot of cannon and gunfire and fireworks, so that might have started it off."

Bellyful

AS THE LAST aristocrat among Prime Ministers, the late Lord Home was as happy in the company of royalty as on the front benches. There was one royal expedition, however, which he confessed he could have done without.

In the 1930s as a young MP, he escorted the late Duke of Gloucester (a military man not renowned for his quick ripostes) to Cairo to see King Farouk. The King laid on a sumptuous dinner and afterwards summoned a belly-dancer, who had been entertaining the royal table, to introduce her personally to the Duke.

Gloucester was stumped, and an embarrassing silence followed before his moustache bristled with military pride. "Ever been the barracks at Tidworth?" he barked. Her reply is not recorded.



Gloucester: bemused

Beeb boob

THE FIRST casualty of strict policing at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool was Robin Oakley, the BBC's political editor. Oakley ended up at the local nick after arriving at the Imperial Hotel at 2.30am yesterday, only to be refused admission because he didn't have his security pass.

"He spent an hour and a half down there, and was getting to the stage of asking to bed down for the night in one of the cells with the flotsam off the street when they sorted it out," says a colleague. This is not a first for Oakley. At a Liberal Democrat conference a couple of years back, he lost his hotel room key and was forced to kip in the foyer.

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THE HOME WAY

Lessons from the man who lived from Munich to Maastricht

Lord Home of the Hirsel was the last Prime Minister to be called to office from the House of Lords, the only one to have played first-class cricket — and, we predict, the last would-be leader to declare, even in jest, that "I do my sums with matchsticks". His jests came with a broad grin so lopsided that his playwright brother once likened him to a clown halfway through doing his make-up. His half-moon spectacles were dubbed "humes" in Whitehall corridors. Propelled to 10 Downing Street by the ailing Harold Macmillan in 1963, to the surprise of many in his party and the unforgiving wrath of a few, his tenure as Prime Minister was the shortest in Britain's postwar history.

The Conservative Party conference will observe a minute's silence in his honour this morning. Once the silence is over, they should soberly reflect on the forces that drove them from power in 1964, and Lord Home from the party leadership a scant nine months later. For Alec Douglas-Home was a tougher and more realistic politician than either the grouse-moor jests, or the merciless whispering that led to his ousting by Edward Heath, would suggest. But, as *The Times* observed at the time, he led a tired party.

The Government, 12 years in office, was reeling from the Profumo scandal. Then as now, Labour had found in Harold Wilson a self-proclaimed moderniser with a vision of national success founded in new technology. There is, too, a decidedly contemporary ring to our editorial criticism of a party that seemed to have lost "the ability to rekindle its purpose". The popular image of Macmillan's "politics of affluence", we wrote, had come to be that of "the acquisition of wealth by the least effort and by shady means". If the Tories were to make any sort of a fight in 1964, they had "to go to the country with a new look". In retrospect, it was a remarkable achievement that 15 months later, Douglas Home took the Tories to within a few seats of electoral victory.

First drawn to politics, in 1929, by concern for the unemployed in his home area of Lanarkshire, Lord Home's career spanned the decades from prewar Conservatism to modern free-market Toryism, from Munich — where his slight figure appears next to Chamberlain in the photographs — to Maastricht. Although loyal to Chamberlain, he was never a yes-man: it took courage for a relatively junior politician to criticise Churchill in 1944 for betraying Poland at Yalta.

The most fitting epitaph yesterday came from a man who refused to serve in his Cabinet, Enoch Powell. Lord Home, he said, was "that rarest thing in politics — a politician whose word one can trust". And Lord Home's on Mr Powell? Asked, many years later, what he would have offered him, had he joined the Government, he replied: "Ha! I'd have made him purge Whitehall. He'd have been extremely good at it."

His integrity was unyielding — sometimes too much so for his party. The revolt against him almost certainly began with his announcement, on losing power in 1964, that the role of a loyal Opposition was to support the Government when it acted in the public interest. But this sense of the national interest served him well in two terms as Foreign Secretary; and few politicians, at the end of their careers, have inspired such affection in the Conservative Party. If Lord Home was a political anachronism, then politics is the poorer for the passing of his humane, Christian, Tory breed.

FEELING GOOD

Are the world's finance ministers blind to economic realities?

The self-satisfaction displayed by finance ministers and central bankers at this year's annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank is in direct contrast with the unease of their publics. The absence of the mysterious "feel-good" factor so much lamented by politicians is a worldwide phenomenon. Everywhere, people are increasingly worried about job security and unemployment. They feel that their taxes are too high, that their living standards are falling and that the economic news will get worse before it improves.

When finance ministers and central bankers indulge in mutual back-slapping, they do not reassure voters. On the contrary, they feed suspicion that politicians and bureaucrats live on a different planet. Consider the key phrases from the weekend communiqué from the Group of Seven: "The ministers and central bank governors agreed that in most countries the conditions for continued growth and employment gains are in place and inflation is well under control. The constructive monetary and fiscal policy measures outlined and implemented in recent months have contributed to this improved outlook. Ministers and governors welcomed the orderly reversal in the movements of the major currencies that began following their April meeting."

This Panglossian statement is hardly an accurate reflection of reality. Growth has actually weakened and employment performance has deteriorated in every G7 country — even by comparison with the none too demanding projections issued by the IMF staff at the G7 meeting six months ago.

Can the contribution of monetary and fiscal policy really be described as constructive on the very day when France has sharply raised interest rates to "defend" the franc against the normal action of market forces? As for the "orderly reversal" in exchange rates which the ministers welcomed, the German mark is just 4 per cent from the dizzying record levels it hit against the dollar, the franc and the lira six months ago. The G7 ministers say in their defence that their optimism refers to future prospects rather than recent performance, which they admit has been disappointing. But this claim does not stand up. Looking ahead to the next year or so, the prospects for job creation and growth in America and Canada do seem substantially brighter after the inevitable pause in the very strong economic recoveries they registered last year.

In Japan and Continental Europe, by contrast, the outlook remains grim. And while the Japanese Government has at least begun to get to grips with its economic problems, the situation in Continental Europe seems to be deteriorating and government economic policies are making it worse. In France and Germany, particularly, factory closures and relocations to more competitive countries have become an almost daily occurrence.

Yet European governments, hypnotised by European Monetary Union and Maastricht, are doing next to nothing to reduce taxes, social charges or minimum wages. Meanwhile the central banks, especially the Bank of France, are actually making matters worse with over-tight monetary policies designed to make already overvalued currencies even less competitive.

In Blackpool this week, Kenneth Clarke would be well advised to set out a soberer assessment of of Britain's prospects than he and his colleagues have offered in Washington. In Britain, where there was far less need than in North America for this year's slowdown, the economy should accelerate again in the year ahead, provided the Chancellor keeps interest rates down and does nothing irresponsible in next month's Budget. But Continental Europe accounts for nearly 60 per cent of Britain's trade. British exporters can take little comfort from any general improvement in world economic prospects which leaves Europe ever further behind.

TALKING UP THE DORM

That old school tie has a flexible knot as well as a tight one

A third of parents of children at boarding school believe that their family relationships have been improved by sending their children away to school. While 28 per cent believe that their children are actually enjoying the experience of boarding school. This latest survey of the peculiar English institution has been made by the Independent Schools Information Service. And like the mysterious goddess of its acronym, Isis speaks with oracular tongue.

For example, it is not surprising that parents who are spending up to £13,500 a year should find merit in the way they have chosen to educate their children. They would have to, wouldn't they? Most of those who reminisce about what were called "the happiest days of their lives" (by those who had already served their term) went to boarding school in the pre-modernist era. The Isis survey describes a boarding revolution since those days of fagging and flogging and dormitory feasts. Nearly half of the boys never write home: the Sunday morning ritual of compulsory letter-writing, subject to censorship to avoid unmanly complaints or disloyal libels, seems to have past. Most boarders telephone home once a week. Almost all spend several nights at home every term, in addition to half-term.

In short, the boarding school tradition from Greyfriars to Angela Brazil's jolly-hockey-sticks academies has been subverted. Daisy no longer needs to pull it off alone; she can just 'phone home. And if Bunter were ever made to shriek Yarrooooh by cane across his sponge-bag trousers today, Mr Quelch would be up in front of an even sterner beak at the European court.

As George Orwell noticed, boarding school was a mythical archetype for children who never had a hope or dread of going to it. It provided the foundation training for and psychic material for writers from Roald Dahl and Richard Ingrams to Shelley and to Gibbon, who wrote of Westminster: "at the cost of many tears and some blood I purchased a knowledge of Latin syntax."

Boarding is not what it was. But then it never has been. More than two centuries ago, a failed headmaster complained that there was less flogging in England's great schools than formerly, but then less was learnt there: "so what the boys get at one end, they lose at the other". League tables show that the best boarding schools, especially the single-sex ones, are academically still among the best in the land without recourse to flogging. The number of boarders has dwindled for the past four years, and most parents find that they have to defend their decision to choose boarding to other parents. But the latest survey shows that the remarkable British habit of sending their children away to school for three-quarters of the year has long legs as well as deep roots.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MP's defection to Labour

From Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, In justifying his deplorable decision to join the Labour Party, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, assured us that he had waited to watch the Labour Party conference on television before making his final commitment (reports, October 9).

Can he really have watched the two-hour session on education (as I did) and still regard the Labour Party as committed to the philosophy of "one nation"? Or was he content with faxes of the platform speeches and the support of the platform given in the vote which was the product of a prearranged deal for the trade union bloc votes?

Listening to the floor debate and noting the reactions of the audience, it was abundantly clear that nothing has changed. We had the same calls for identical neighbourhood comprehensives as the only permissible type of school and for control by the same local authorities and their staffs whose performance over the years has left so much to be desired.

There was not the slightest evidence that the delegates, many of whom we are told were schoolteachers or school governors, had the slightest interest in children either of limited ability or of exceptional talent. Any idea that the national interest might be served by the cultivation of exceptional capacity was ruled out.

One was reminded of the reply by the French revolutionaries to Lavoisier as he was dragged to the guillotine: "The Republic has no need of scientists." What price Mr Blair's technological revolution with teachers like these?

Nor was there any respect for parental choice. The cheering for a delegate who attacked Mr and Mrs Blair for deciding on their children's education in the light of their own educational and religious priorities was enough to disgust one with the Labour Party now and for ever. If ever one saw justification for the belief that socialism is a polite name for the politics of envy this was the occasion. Not "one nation" but "class war".

What on earth does Mr Howarth think he would be doing in this outfit?

Yours faithfully,
BELOFF.
House of Lords.
October 9.

From Councillor Richard Buckley

Sir, I think Alan Howarth is wrong and I don't agree with what he has done. But I am a Conservative and I find the campaign of character assassination and vilification against him deeply distasteful.

Mr Howarth is clearly a thoughtful and an honourable man who has struggled to make an enormously difficult decision. The suggestion of mid-life crises and so on emanating from his former colleagues go, in my opinion, far beyond the robust knockabout that we all expect in politics.

This is, sadly, typical of politics today and all parties are equally guilty. It is little wonder that politicians are held in such low esteem by members of the public.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Henry Bellingham, MP for North West Norfolk (Conservative)

Sir, The last sitting Tory MP who defected was Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler in 1981, and I ended up as the principal beneficiary. I was selected to fight the seat soon after he crossed the floor, and my first task was to help to rebuild the local association. They had obviously received a body blow, and felt desperately let down by the man for whom they had worked tirelessly during the past 12 years.

I am therefore only too well aware how the hundreds of local Conservative Party workers in Stratford-upon-Avon must feel this morning. Is it any wonder they are bitter at having just learnt that their trusted MP has been secretly plotting his public relations broadside with the Leader of the Opposition?

The first that many of these party workers learnt about Alan Howarth's defection was through the national press: what a shabby reward. Why on earth could he not have followed the example of Christopher-Brocklebank Fowler who, in spite of pressure from elsewhere, insisted that the first people to be told of his decision to leave the Tory party should be his party members at their AGM?

If the voters at Stratford-upon-Avon wanted a Labour MP they would presumably have voted one in at the last election. Surely if Mr Howarth wishes to retain any honour at all, he should now consult them in a by-election.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BELLINGHAM,
House of Commons.
October 9.

From Mr S. T. Eason

Sir, How can Mr Alan Howarth reconcile his dislike of "an arrogance of power ... which is damaging to our democracy" with his apparent intention to continue to represent the electors of Stratford-upon-Avon (Conservative majority 22,892)?

Yours faithfully,
S. T. EASON,
6 King Edward Close,
Christ's Hospital,
Horsham, West Sussex.

Guidance for Bernard Levin on being Jewish

From Mr Jonathan Fisher

Sir, Bernard Levin ("The Jews who choose", October 6) should not shed too many crocodile tears for Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks and the Jewish people.

In his Day of Atonement message Dr Sacks sought to touch the hearts and minds of those whose lives have drifted from observant Judaism, and most successfully indeed, for even the "apostate Levin" was driven to reflect on his attitude towards religion in the columns of your newspaper. But Mr Levin is surely wrong to attribute knowledge to Dr Sacks that he is fighting a losing cause and that indifference will extinguish the Jewish people.

The post-war years witnessed an unprecedented revival in Jewish learning and observance which gathered pace after Israel's Six Day War in June 1967.

Demand for places in Jewish schools has increased dramatically in recent years and presently outstrips the places which are available. Religious universities and seminaries throughout the world are flourishing. Many teenagers spend a year in Israel studying Jewish religion and heritage before returning to secular education and pursuing a career.

At a local level the numbers of worshippers regularly attending our synagogue continue to increase, and a vibrancy reverberates within its walls. Other synagogues in London have similar experiences.

Perhaps before next prophesying the ultimate doom of the Jewish people, Mr Levin would like to pay us a visit. We would be pleased to see him.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN FISHER
(Chairman),
Chigwell & Hainault Synagogue.
Chigwell,
Essex IG7 5NT.
October 6.

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, Bernard Levin, in his thoughtful article, answers his own question when he tells us that he doesn't hesitate to put "Jew" when asked to indicate his religion. This from a man with no religious commitment. So why does he do it?

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is not the "Chief Rabbi of Britain". He is Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the UK. This is the central orthodox Jewish body but does not represent progressive Jewry, and while orthodoxy may be losing adherents, others are not.

We of the Reform Synagogues of Great Britain recognise outmarriage to be a major threat and face it by welcoming people in, rather than by putting obstacles in their way. It is also our practice to encourage Jews married to a non-Jewish partner who does not wish to convert to pray with us.

We do not claim that Reform Judaism is alone in sustaining our faith in the face of the threat of assimilation. We do, however, emphasise the importance of reconciling traditional belief and practice to an accommodation with contemporary life.

That one tiny, persecuted and obstinate religious group survives still, despite all the odds, gives us cause to suggest that history is on our side rather than against us.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY HYMAN,
4 Priory View,
Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.
October 6.

From Mr Jonathan Paisner

Sir, That Bernard Levin should choose to talk about religion and expect others to share his averred non-interest in the subject baffles me. However disconcerting statistics on the death of religion may appear, many people are in fact turning to religion for answers and values that empty newspaper articles, such as Mr Levin's, will inevitably fail to provide.

The subtext of Mr Levin's article, of course, is that no matter how much bacon he may eat, no matter how many Jewish festivals he ignores, he is still, in the eyes of all around him, a Jew. Mr Levin and I share a wonderful religion. How sad it is that his experience of it amounts to nothing more than the begrudging acceptance of an identity you cannot escape.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN PAISNER,
106 Ledbury Road, W11.
October 9.

From Mr Paul Shrank

Sir, Bernard Levin should not be so smug in his apostasy. Throughout history false prophets have forecast the demise of the Jews. In the meantime, attendances at my synagogue during the High Holy Days continue to break previous records and on Yom Kippur we were full to the rafters.

Sincerely,
PAUL SHRANK (Chairman),
The New North London Synagogue,
80 East End Road, Finchley, N3.
October 6.

From Mr Victor Ross

Sir, Bernard Levin does not "really understand what being a Jew means". I can tell him. It is the unique experience of anti-semitism. No one who is not a Jew can know it; no Jew can escape it. It is what makes me proud and keeps me strong and names me brother to every other Jew (even the ones who make me feel ashamed). If anti-semitism disappeared tomorrow I might forget that I am a Jew but I would be the loser.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR ROSS,
Worten Mill,
Great Chart, nr Ashford, Kent.
October 8.

Pleasure in 'Pride'

From Mr A. J. P. Nott

Sir, I read with astonishment Susan Elkin's comments ("Prejudiced against TV", Education, October 6) about how "misguided" teachers should not "fob schoolchildren off" by showing the current BBC TV serialisation of *Pride and Prejudice*.

She talks of the "Austen-Elkin hotline" which has helped her to understand the finer qualities of the novel. "She and I", she declares, "have no need of any other interpreter". Oh to have a class full of Susan Elkins!

Unfortunately, the children I am introducing to Jane Austen do not have such access to the author's thoughts and feelings. They *do* need help interpreting the narrative and characterisation.

Judicious use of the video has made a dramatic impact on their enjoyment of the story and has brought alive characters whom they have previously encountered in the novel.

However, the children are by no means satisfied with merely watching the television version. They have been enthused by it but are keen to know "what happens in the book" and, through no coercion from me, have spent much of their free time reading ahead.

They bring their own insights and observations into lessons and are able to comment critically on the television adaptation.

Comparing the characters they have pictured in their minds and those playing the parts on television has proved a particularly fruitful exercise.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW NOTT
(Teacher of English),
St Andrew's School,
Meads, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
October 6.

Short rations

From Mr D. H. Walton

Sir, I regret that some of your readers have had problems with computers not recognising a third forename initial (letters, September 23, October 2). The problem is one of pure economics. All computer systems have places (called fields) set up to receive data. Every time an entry is made the field will use up computer memory even if there is nothing in the field.

Proportionately, very few people have more than two forename initials and the cost of filling up memory with empty fields for about 90 per cent of the data entries is less than the cost of antagonising the few people who have the extra initials.

It is possible to write a sub program which could avoid this empty memory (I have recently written one) but it has the effect of slightly slowing down the processing.

Might I suggest that the sufferers who are known by a third forename which the computer does not recognise should reorder their names. This is both legal and easy.

Yours truly,
DAVID H. WALTON,
10 St Guthlac's Close, Crowland,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
October 3.

Getting possession

From the Chairman of the Small Landlords Association

Sir, Richard Blake (letter, September 28) appears to have read the September 20 article by Rachel Kelly as meaning that south of the border you can create a shorthold tenancy of four months.

The minimum fixed term is six months, but Rachel Kelly inferred that nonetheless a non-paying shorthold tenant can be evicted after four months. This is unlikely in practice: professional defaulting tenants can sometimes spin out possession proceedings for nine, even 12 months.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY CUTTING,
Chairman,
Small Landlords Association,
53 Werter Road, SW15.
October 6.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Child benefit

From Mrs J. R. Gair

Sir, Nigella Lawson's views on universal child benefit ("Nanny state for working parents", October 3) are in some respects admirable but I disagree with her idea for creating a more equitable system by introducing tax relief on all forms of childcare.

Having watched Channel 4's Cutting Edge documentary, *Nannies*, last night I felt that it was time to recognise the importance of mothers or fathers staying at home to look after their own small children if at all possible.

A way of helping families to do this would be to institute a tax allowance for each child, to be claimed by either of the parents, so that the family income would be increased. If the parents wished, they could spend this extra allowance on childcare but it would not be restricted to families where both parents are employed outside the home.

Child benefit could then become a more generous social security payment to be given to those whose needs warrant such extra provision.

Yours faithfully,
SUSANNE M. GAIR,
38 Scarcroft Hill, York.
October 3.

Early Christians

From the Reverend Peter Vargeson

Sir, Dr Brian Porter (letter, October 5) refers to Augustine's mission to bring Christianity to the English. Augustine, when he landed in Kent in 597, was met by Ethelbert, King of Kent, who was sympathetic to the Christian faith, and whose wife Bertha was a Christian. The first Christian in Britain whose name is recorded is Alban, about the year 304, and in 359 British bishops are recorded as being present at the Council of Rimini.

In addition, the chapel at Lullingstone in Kent dates from about 360, as do the chapels at Silchester, Hampshire, and Hinton St Mary, Dorset. It is an oft-repeated myth that Augustine brought Christianity to these islands, although it is true that he did do much to order and strengthen the Church in England.

Yours etc,
PETER VARGESON,
The Vicarage,
School Road, Bursledon,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Dance's prospects

From Mr John Percival

Sir, Only six months ago Sadler's Wells Theatre seemed sure to be among the earliest beneficiaries of the National Lottery for its bold, economical and much-needed scheme to turn itself into London's ideal home for dance and related lyric arts. The Arts Lottery Board appeared to confirm that by providing funds for the preparatory work that is now well advanced.

Let us hope that when the board meets on October 11 to decide whether to provide money for the full scheme, it will not be put off by criticism of the help promised meanwhile to Covent Garden. Sadler's Wells has never been an elitist establishment, its plans offer a fine new stage and public spaces at a bargain price, and without it dance in Britain — not just in London — will be in serious danger of withering away.

Now is the time for courage and generous action, or history may not forgive our generation.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PERCIVAL,
36 Great James Street, WC1.
October 5.

O. J. Simpson trial

From Mr C. W. Koenigsberger

Sir, The crux of Ben Macintyre's article ("Has OJ trial hurt blacks?", October 5) is that O. J. Simpson was wrongly not found guilty because of race. This contention is principally based upon the white female juror who voted to acquit even though "she believed Simpson was probably guilty".

Any juror who believes that an accused is probably guilty must vote for acquittal since conviction requires belief in guilt "beyond reasonable doubt".

Yours faithfully,
C. W. KOENIGSBERGER,
15 Straffan Lodge,
1 Belsize Grove, NW3.
October 5.

Windfall tax

From Mr W. M. Forrest

Sir, In any democratic society the principle of a windfall tax should be denounced by all political parties as capricious, arbitrary, invidious, unpredictable, retrospective and, in the present case of the privatised utilities, actuated by malice and opportunism (letters, September 21, 23, 30; October 5). Which of us will be the next victims of this dangerous doctrine?

Yours faithfully,
W. M. FORREST,
42 Lingfield Road,
Wimbledon Common, SW19.
October 5.

Testing, testing ...

From Mr E. M. Feld

Sir, Means-tested benefits have become a fashionable topic of debate among all parties. I was under the impression that such a system is already operative. It is called income tax.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FELD,
36 Grove House,
Waverley Grove, N3.
October 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the WWF Executive Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, this evening attended a Dinner at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Duke of York, Trustee, this evening attended a Dinner at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10.

Captain David Thompson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Aberdeen Carers Centre, 24-28 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, and was received by Mr Alan Codona (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended a Fund-raising Luncheon at the Marcliffe at Pitfodels, North Deeside Road, Pitfodels, Aberdeen.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended the Private Appeal Committee Meeting, followed, this evening, by the Private Appeal Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 9: The Duchess of Kent, President, this morning visited the Headquarters of NCH Action for Children and the Legard Family Support Unit, Highbury Park, London N5.

Mrs Chales Holbech was in attendance.

Clockmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Air Vice-Marshal P.A. Latham; Senior Warden, Mr M.G.S. Frampton; Renter Warden, Mr M.B. Savory; Junior Warden, Mrs Ann Fiona Henley.

Needlemakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Needlemakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Anthony Floyd; Senior Warden, Mr Bruce Amery; Junior Warden, Mr David Culling.

Wheelwrights' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Wheelwrights' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Tertius Metcalf; Upper Warden, Mr John Holland; Renter Warden, Mr William Bolt.

Memorial service

Mr H.L.I. Runciman
A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Mr H.L.I. (Peter) Runciman, first Chairman of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, was held yesterday in Glasgow Cathedral. The Very Rev William J Morris officiated. Mr Brian Moffat, Chairman of British Steel, read the lesson and Mr Andrew Robertson, Secretary of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, read from *Scholar Gipsies* by John Buchan. Mr Geoffrey Johnston and the Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness paid tribute.

Latest wills

Mrs Margaret Jencks, of London W11, author of *Chinese Gardens* (1978), daughter of Sir John Keswick, left estate valued at £7,187,917 net.

Sir Lionel Alexander Bethune Pilkington, of London SW1, former chairman of Pilkington plc, left estate valued at £1,869,877 net.

Mrs Margaret Anne Borges, of Colchester, Essex, left estate valued at £4,457,012 net.

Luncheon

English-Speaking Union
Mr Martin Bell, Eastern European Correspondent, BBC TV News, was the speaker at an English-Speaking Union literary luncheon held at Dartmouth House yesterday. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided and, with Mrs Valerie Mitchell, director-general, welcomed the guests.

Reception

Ordnance Board
Rear-Admiral M.R. Thomas, President of the Ordnance Board, and officers of the board were the hosts at a reception held at Lancaster House yesterday. Mr James Arbuthnot, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, received the guests.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Dr Brian Smith, Chairman, BAA, was the speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held at Over-Seas House, St James's, last night. Mr T.S. Lansley presided.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr J. Wynford Evans, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr Nigel Rudd, Chairman, Williams Holdings Plc. Mr Rod Thurman, Edwards Geldard Solicitors, presided.

Lady Alexandra Metcalfe

A memorial service for Lady Alexandra Metcalfe will be held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, at noon, Thursday, October 12. (Entry by way of Cleveland Row and Stable Yard).

Dr Judith Jago

A service to commemorate the life and work of Dr Judith Jago, first Headmistress of Forest Girls' School, will be held at 2.30pm on Friday, November 10, in the Chapel of St John Baptist, Forest School, Snaresbrook, London, E17. All friends, colleagues and former pupils are welcome.

University news

Cambridge
QUEENS' COLLEGE
Election: to a bye-fellowship, Gerard Marcel Tannerie Watts, MA, PhD.

Birthdays today

Sir John Cassels, former Director-General, NEDO; Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, 55; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 49; Miss Laura Davies, golfer, 32; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 60; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 80; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 61; Lord Kincraig, 77; Professor J.B. Large, Professor of Applied Acoustics, Southampton University, 65; Mr Daniel Massey, actor, 62; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 67; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 65; Dr Brian Smith, Principal, University of Wales, Cardiff, 67; the Earl of Stockton, 52; Mr Chris Tarrant, broadcaster, 49; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 88; Mr Richard Thornton, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, 73; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 42; Mr Ben Vereen, actor, 49; Mr Willard White, singer and actor, 49.



Harold Pinter, who is 65 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; Hugh Miller, geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon, pathologist and sanitary reformer, London, 1816; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony, 1825; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1860; Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Frøen, Norway, 1861; William Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Stampa, Switzerland, 1901.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", 1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dublin, 1783; François Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Paris, 1837; Edouard Daladier, Prime Minister of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner, actor, New York, 1985.

British suffragette, Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, formed the Women's Social and Political Union in Manchester to fight for female emancipation, 1903.

A German bomb destroyed the high altar of St Paul's Cathedral, 1940.

The Fiji Islands were proclaimed independent, 1970.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Autistic Society, will launch the NAS/Development Trust fund-raising appeal for the new school at Robert Ogden's House, Sickling Hall, near Wetherby, North Yorkshire, at 12.10; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Corporate Membership reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.

Princess Margaret will present the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Award for outstanding service to ballet at the Royal Academy of Dancing, SW11, at 4.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a Concert for Innocent Victims in Westminster Abbey at 7.25 in aid of the Rosanna Hospital Appeal, Kurdistan.

The Duke of Kent will visit St David's Home for Disabled Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, Castlebar Hill, Ealing, W5, at 11; and will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.45 in aid of Canterbury Cathedral Education Centre.

The Duchess of Kent will visit St Bees Lifeboat Station, Cumbria, at 1.35; and will attend a reception given by the Penrith branch of the RNLI at Brackenburgh, Calthwaite, at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra, as President of the Council of the British School at Rome, will attend a private view of the oil studies and drawings of Winifred Knights at the Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, at 6.30.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain D.J. Brambell, RE, and Miss E.M. Scarisbrick
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Dr and Mrs Michael Brambell, of Chester, and Emma, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Jack Scarisbrick, of Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr A.J. Hogarth and Miss A. Singh
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Professor C.A. and Dr A. Hogarth, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Archana, daughter of Mr K.P. and Mrs S. Singh, of Manor Park, London.

Mr J.R.C. Merchant and Miss T.R. Scarlett
The engagement is announced between Jolyon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Merchant, of Burwash, East Sussex, and Teresa, elder daughter of Mrs Rita Scarlett, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr G.M. Pemberton and Miss A.W. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Pemberton, of Betchworth, Surrey, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr Michael Gibson, of Balsall Common, West Midlands, and Mrs J. Ashworth, of Middlesex.

Mr S. Smith and Miss L.F. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, of Southend, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Humphreys, of Hazel End, near Bishop's Stortford.

Mr I.H. Wilbraham and Ms C.J.S. Fiske
The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Wilbraham, of Little Berkhamsted, Hertford, and Caryn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Steyer, of Sarasota, Florida, USA.

Marriages

Mr P.J.D. Durrant and Miss J.M. Lannon
The marriage took place in Chelsea on Tuesday, October 3, 1995, of Mr Peter John Digby Durrant, of 11 Selwood Terrace, London, SW7, and Miss Judith Milloy Lannon, of Erie, Pennsylvania, USA.

Mr P.J. Hughes and Miss J.E. Moore
The marriage took place on September 30 at St Winefride's, Sandbach, Cheshire, of Mr Paul Hughes and Miss Jane Moore.

Royal Navy entrants

The following candidates have been declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and have entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth:

Naval College Entry

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Seaman
C J Gare (Horsewell), Beacon Comm College.

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Seaman
M Corden, *U/Y, Ecclesbourne S, North Kesteven S, Wilmorton Coll of FE; M J Elward, Ulverston Victoria H S, Todbusk Sixth Form Coll; L B Harwood, Bucklers Mead Comm S, Yeovil Coll; A C Tomes, Boston GS.

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Supply
D S Astle, *U/Y, Kingstone HS, Hereford Sixth Form Coll; E J Flinn, *U/Y, Southlands S, Ashford, S for Girls, South Kent Coll of Technology.

Direct Graduate Entry

Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Instructor Office
N C Sexton, Portchester Community S, Fareham Tertiary Coll, Univ of Reading.

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Seaman
D A Daveney, Crossley Heath S, Univ of Leicester; L C Davies, George Watson's Coll, LSE; S N Day, Kingsdown S, New Coll, Cranfield Univ; C D Gatenby, Kings Mead S, Birkenhead S, Univ of Cent Lancs; H Nathanson, Tormead S, Rosebery S, Bristol Univ; P I Lumsden, Robert Gordon's Coll, Glasgow Univ; A Northover, Plymouth Coll, Hull Univ; R L Miles, Pates GS, Exeter Univ; S E Oakley, Emmbrook S, Oxford Univ.

Sub Lieutenant (Medium Career Commission) Seaman
B R Dickins, Hollwell Middle S, Wootton Upper S, Univ of Liverpool; C J Hefford, Royal GS, Univ of Plymouth; E E A Stuart, Glasgow Acad, Cambridge Univ; C J Weeks, Christchurch GS, Hamilton Coll, Univ of W Australia; A D Philip, Dulwich Coll, Royal School of Mines.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Seaman
N P Foster, Fareham Tertiary Coll, Stokesley Comp S, Pocklington Indep S, Tuxford Comp S, Cranfield Univ, Bangor Univ; L H Grieve, Blairgowrie HS, Glasgow Univ; D E Sames, Brentwood S, Oxford Brookes Univ; L L Thomsen, Brechin HS, Glasgow Univ; D E Tilney, Dulwich Coll, Univ of Stirling; S West, Waltham Toll Bar Comp S, Univ of Hertfordshire; G W G Jappy, Buckhaven HS, Fife Coll of FE, Dundee Coll of FE, Queen Margaret Coll; D J Mason, Oathall Community Coll, Haywards Heath Sixth Form Coll, Plymouth Univ; R A Bernard, Ecole Saint-Louis, Ecole Secondaire Saint-Sacrement, Coll Lionel-Groulx, Coll Amuntsic; M A J Bull, Robert Pattinson S, Rhein Middle S, Casterton Community Coll, Stamford Coll of FE, Thames Valley Univ; L Carberry, St Bernard's Convent HS for Girls, Kings Coll London; J J Clague, Gosforth East Middle S, Gosforth HS, RMCS, Shrivenham; Univ of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Engineer
A M Brown, Queen Elizabeth's HS, Univ of Sheffield; D I Wright, St Edmund's School, Canterbury, Royal Naval Engineering Coll, Portsmouth Univ; A J Lewis, Saltback Middle S, Newmarket Upper S, Bath Univ; A M Kendrick, Sherborne S, Sheffield Univ.

Sub Lieutenant (Medium Career Commission) Engineer
H M Dyer, Nantyglo Comp S, Univ of Glamorgan; H R Harding, Heckmondwike GS, Newcastle Univ.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Engineer
S G Head, Southampton Technical Coll, Southampton Inst of Higher Educ, Univ of Leeds; S E Hunwicks, Salendine Nook HS, Huddersfield New Coll Univ of Southampton; J M Sayer, Springwood HS, Univ of the West of England; M A Kingdom, Torquay Boys' GS, Coventry Univ; G K Punch, Oundle S, Portsmouth Univ.

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Supply
D A G Exworthy, St George Catholic S, Peter Symonds Sixth Form, Univ of Leeds; M P Wells, Bury GS, Liverpool Univ, Manchester Metro Univ; S J Lewis, West Kirby GS, Univ of Leicester, The Coll of Law; D K Reed, Sutton GS, Univ of Wales.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Supply
J M Chiles, Croydon HS, Southampton Univ; S J Dobbins, Malvern Hall S, Solihull Sixth Form, Liverpool Inst of Higher Educ; H R Gullett, Watford Boys' S, Kings Coll, Leeds Univ; A J Stockbridge, Cranleigh S, Dundee Univ; A Kennedy, St Joan of Arc RC S, The Albany Coll, Oxford Brookes Univ; S W Quantrill, Southend HS for Boys, Exeter Univ.

University Cadetship Entry

Midshipman (Full Career Commission) Seaman
M B Feeney, St David's S, Huddersfield New Coll; T G Griffiths, King John S, South East Sussex Sixth Form Coll; L F V Thatcher, Lady Eleanor Holles S, D S Knight, Darrick Wood S.

Midshipman (Full Career Commission) Engineer
A A Resheph, The Chafford S, City of London S for Girls.

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Engineer
S J Gilmore.

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My spirit fails me and my heart is numb with despair. I call to mind times long past; I think over all you have done; the wonders of creation fill my mind.
Psalm 143 : 4, 5 (REB).

BIRTHS

ADDISON - To Mark and Helen the gift of a son Matthew William on 5th October 1995.

BIRCH - On 7th October 1995, in Toronto, to Teresa (née So) and Christopher, a son, Jeremy.

BROWN - On September 14th 1995, to Catherine and Benedict, twins, Cordelia and Augustus.

BRUMWELL - On October 6th, to Susan (née Holdaway) and James, a son, Matthew John Michael, a brother for Alexander.

CUNEO - On September 2nd in Atlanta, Georgia, to Helen (née Windus) and Jaime, a son, Christopher Mario.

DEVITT - Kerryn Tapscott and Colin Devitt are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Liam Colin, at 2.28 am on Sunday 8th October 1995.

DITMAN - On October 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Bente (née Ovstfun) and John, a cute daughter, Line, a sister for Stig.

GREY - On September 24th, to Philomena (née Nooney) and Jeff, a son, Connor Andrew, and for proud grandparents in Eire and Wales.

GRIMSTON - On October 7th, to Emily (née Shirley) and Robin, a daughter, Philippa Margaret, a sister for Charlotte.

HENDERSON - On 4th October, to Jane (née Tomblin) and Richard, a son, William Richard Joshua, a brother for Eleanor, Harriet and Beatrice.

HUNTER - On October 7th 1995 to Stephanie (née Thompson) and Rupert a son Marcus David a brother for Sebastian, Sabrina and Titus.

LLOYD - On October 3rd 1995, to Virginia (née Hanslip) and Christopher, a beautiful daughter, Matilda May. God's richest blessing.

LORIMER - On October 6th 1995, at home, to Jane (née McWhirter) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Carole.

PERSAD - On October 6th, to Jane (née Selley) and Mark, a daughter, Charlotte Flora Rose, a sister for Georgia.

PETTIT - On 4th October 1995, to Jane and Richard, a daughter, Harriet Lucy-Anna.

PURLE - On October 6th to Virginia (née Rylatt) and Charles, a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth Lambert, a sister for Sally, William, Charles Carter and Harry.

RUSSELL-STONEHAM - Puz and Sally (née Jenner) October 7th a son Barnaby.

STARK - On October 5th, to Elizabeth (née Rudd) and Richard, a daughter, Alicia Hannah Elizabeth, a sister for Charlie.

THOMAS - On September 28th 1995, to Amanda and David, a daughter, Natasha Camille Anastasia. A lovely sister for Charlotte.

THOMUS - On October 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Leyla Huseyin and Lee Dacosta, a beautiful baby boy, a new brother for Lunc Dillon and Manny.

WALSH - On October 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Beatrice (née Fleming) and Patrick, a handsome son, Michael David, a brother for Jenny.

MARRIAGES

SMITH:MABY - On 7th October at All Saints Church, Fulham, Christopher Smith, only son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, to Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Maby.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On 8th October in Tewantin, Queensland, Wing Commander John Adams DFC, AFC, RAF and RNZAF, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Irayna, father of John Robert Winston and Leslie Maria Jay and grandfather. Rest in Peace.

BERESFORD - Marcus Walter de la Poer. Died peacefully aged 86 on 5th October 1995. Funeral at St Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby, on Friday 13th October at 11 am.

BROOK - On Friday October 6th, Frederick George passed away at Lynden Hill Clinic, after years of fight against painful illness. He will be sadly missed by his many friends throughout the world. The funeral will be held at 3 pm on Thursday October 12th at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. Flowers should be sent to the Crematorium with a card showing F.G. Brook, West Chapel.

CAMERON - Penelope Elizabeth peacefully at home on 6th October. Service at St Peter's, Diddlebury, Friday October 13th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to the Osteoporosis Society.

CAVENAGH-MAINWARING - On October 6th 1995 in his 90th year, Rafe Gordon Dutton Cavenagh-Mainwaring of Whitmore Hall, Staffordshire, 33rd Hereditary Lord of The Manor of Whitmore for 57 years, father of Guy and grandfather of Edward, Tara and Fleur. Funeral Service at Whitmore Parish Church on Thursday October 12th at 2.30 pm, to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if wished for Whitmore Church and the Douglas MacMillan Hospice. All donations and enquiries to Marsh & Son Funeral Directors, 36 Friarswood Road, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 2EG, tel: (01782) 717019.

COX - Vivien Mary, widow of Commander Murray Cox R.N. and mother of John and Paula. Died peacefully at home on October 8th after a short illness. Family funeral at St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations if wished to International League for Protection of Horses, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, Norfolk. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DAVID - Lady Sheila David, widow of Sir Percival David and John Douglas Riddell, died peacefully at the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers on Sunday 8th October after a short illness, aged 81. Much loved sister of Pamela Mary Hopkinson, aunt of Jonathan Trouncer, and step mother of Caroline Riddell. Her life was distinguished by her dedication and generosity to the Percival David Foundation of Chinese Art, to which donations may be sent (53 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PD). Funeral at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11 on Friday 20th October at 11.00am. Those attending are welcome at the Percival David Foundation after the service. Family flowers only.

DIMES - Francis Gordon on Sunday 8th October peacefully at Surbiton Hospital, aged 76, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Susan, Gina and Jane. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 17th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Cancer Research and/or Kingston and District Community N.H.S. Trust (Surbiton Hospital) c/o F.W. Paine, 182 High Street, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4ES, tel: (0181) 942-1978.

ENGELMANN - On 7th October peacefully at home, Eric of Sandes Court, Kendal, (formerly of Saffron Walden), dearly loved husband of May. Funeral Service and interment will take place at St Anne's Church, Ings, Cumbria, on Wednesday, 11th October 1995 at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired for Cancer Research, c/o Ruxton Funerals, 1 Wildman Street, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 6EN.

GILFILLAN - On October 6th 1995, in Hollywynd Rest Home Worthing, Margery Rose, aged 87 years, née Stephens. Dearly loved wife of Robert, and mother of Ian, Christian and Caroline. Funeral Service on Wednesday October 11th at Worthing Crematorium at 2.00 p.m. All enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Telephone 01903-234516

HACKFORTH - On October 6th, Pamela Mary, only daughter of the late Sir Douglas Hall Bt. and adored wife of Norman (Hackie) Hackforth, lost her courageous struggle. She will be missed by all her many loving friends. Service to be held at Charing Crematorium, Ashford, Kent, on Friday October 13th at 3.20 pm. Only the simplest of garden flowers to T.W. Fuggle & Son, Tenterden. (01580) 763340.

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HOME OF THE HIRSEL - K.T. On October 9th 1995 Alexander Frederick, peacefully at Hirsel, surrounded by his family. Funeral, family only, on Saturday 14th of October. Dates of Memorial Services in London and Edinburgh will be announced later.

ISDELL-CARPENTER - Rosemary. Beloved widow of Dick, mother of Sally and Peter, grandmother of Rupert, Lucy, Annabel, Simon, Katherine and Nicola, and great-grandmother of Eliza and Rose. Funeral service at 4pm on Friday October 13th at Kirdford Parish Church, nr. Billingshurst, West Sussex. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Ludshott Court, Headley, Hants, who cared for her so devotedly.

JARVIS - On September 18th 1995, Rev. Kenneth Eric, aged 89 years. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Woodmancote, near Henfield, on Friday November 3rd 1995 at 2.45pm. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Terry's Cross Trust. Enquiries to Vinalls tel: Henfield 01273 493312.

KENYON-SLANEY - On October 4th, peacefully in hospital, Nanette of Tenterden, aged 93 years. Widow of Gerald William Kenyon-Slaney O.B.E., beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service to be held at St Mildred's Church, Tenterden, on Thursday October 19th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

KHUNER - On 6th October 1995 peacefully in his sleep, Hans, beloved husband of the late Peggy, father of Anne, grandfather of Sally, Richard and John, great-grandfather of Joel, James, Benjamin, Joseph, Alexander and Luke. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) Friday 13th October at 11am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Starlight Foundation c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD. (0171-387 6075).

KIRKPATRICK - Peter Crichton during the night of 5th/6th October peacefully at Dolphin Square, aged 79. Private cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 16th October, to be followed some weeks later by a Memorial Service and by a Wake at Thames Rowing Club. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, SW1. (0171) 834-4624.

McINROY - Elaine suddenly but peacefully on 5th October 1995, widow of Alasdair, dearly loved mother of Diana, Angela, Fiona and Rowena and grandmother of James, Lindsay, Imogen and Max. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Folkestone, on 12th October at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations to Camphill Village Trust may be sent c/o Hambrook & Johns, 1 Dover Road, Folkestone, CT20 1JJ.

McMILLAN - On October 5th 1995 suddenly at home in Northwood, Middlesex, aged 88, Col. Donald McMillan C.B and O.B.E. former Chairman of Cable and Wireless, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, devoted father of Malcolm, father-in-law of Helen and grandfather of Neil and Colin, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral at Breakspeare Crematorium on Thursday 12th October at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council (ARC) and any further enquiries to T A Ellement & Son Ltd 0181 866 0324.

McNAUGHTON - Maurice Ian on October 7th, dearly loved husband of Sheila and much loved father of Hamish and Adele and grandfather of Jessica, Andrew, Perdita, Forbes and James. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Fernhurst, at 3 pm on October 13th. No flowers but donations if desired to Macmillan Unit, Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

MURCH - Margaret died peacefully in her sleep at home on 6th October. Much loved daughter of Katie and the best Mum in the world to Richard, James and John. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Research. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Blackheath on Monday 16th October at 2 pm.

O'KELLY - Elizabeth, psychologist, aged 79, peacefully on 6th October. Beckenham Crematorium at 10.30 am on Friday 13th October. Enquiries to her daughter (0181) 676-4678.

OPPENHEIMER - Sir Philip Jack on 8th October 1995 peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Pamela and much loved father of Anthony and Valerie. Private funeral on Thursday 12th October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, in his memory to Macmillan Nurses c/o Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

PHILIP - John Matthew Chisholm ('Elan'), on 6th October. Loving and much loved husband of Enid, father of John and Neil, father-in-law of Mary and Emma, and 'Poppa' to Roisin and Sinéad. War service in the 2nd Survey Regiment, Royal Artillery. Former Secretary of the Southern Regional Council for Further Education. Honorary Fellow of the University of Portsmouth. Service at Henley Road Cemetery Chapel, Reading, on Thursday 12th October at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to A.B. Walker & Son, 01734 573650.

PRICE - On October 7th 1995, in hospital, Joy Suzanne Price, dearly loved sister and aunt of Avril, Richard and David Exham. Funeral mass at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, October 18th at 11.30 am followed by private burial at Sheldon where she was Churchwarden. Family flowers only.

RAMM - On October 7th, Dr. Peter John aged 82, Loving Husband and Father. Funeral Service at Vale Royal Methodist Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday October 17th at 11am. Donations to Hospice in the Weald may be sent c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

REDFERN - O'Donnell Shuldham peacefully on October 6th at the Middlesex Hospital after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Much loved by Maggie, Camilla and James and all his friends. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

RICHARDS - On October 9th, peacefully at Pembury Hospital, Elisabeth Mortimer Richards, aged 91 years, formerly of Horsmonden. Dearly loved Wife of the late F.D.M. Richards, beloved Mother of Jane, Stephen and Charles and Grandmother of James and William, dear Sister of J. Lister Beck. Funeral at St Pauls Church, Rusthall, on Monday 16th October at 11 am, followed by private committal. Family flowers only, donations if desired to League of Friends of Pembury Hospital, c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

ROYDS - Charles Everard Cradock (Joe) of Glasbury-on-Wye, peacefully in hospital on October 8th. Donations, if so desired, to Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled (Bristol) c/o C.C. James Funeral Director, Hengarold, Three Cocks, Brecon, tel: (01497) 847410.

SANDERS - Eileen Gertrude Fenwick, widow of Col. Reginald George Sanders, late of the 17th Dogra Regiment. Dearest mother of Michael, Doreen and Beryl. Aged 98, peacefully at home on 7th October. Funeral arrangements c/o Mummery F.D. Bexhill tel: (01424) 730416.

SLOCOMBE - Marie Tapscott M.B.E. peacefully on 7th October 1995. Funeral private. No flowers. Donations to St Martin-in-the-Fields Social Care Unit. Enquiries to (01480) 890340.

SPOUDEAS - Panos on October 6th in Athens in his 90th year, after a short illness. Adored husband of Thalia (née Angelides), dear father of Lydia and grandfather of Electra and Stephen Souras, a beloved uncle to many nephews and nieces. Director from 1950-1966 of Paterson Zochonis PLC for which he had immense affection. Funeral October 11th in Athens at the First Cemetery at 16.30 hours. Messages to 101 Vassilissis Sofias, Athens 11521 Greece.

STEVENS - Jeffery Ernest died suddenly at home in Harare on 7th October 1995. Born 30th October 1916 Stroud, Gloucestershire. Graduated Bristol University, served with RAF as meteorologist, emigrated to Northern Rhodesia, retired as Director of Meteorological Services Zimbabwe to become a leading proponent in practical applications of Solar Energy. Fondly remembered by Joy, Richard, Barbara, Linda, David, Grace and Katherine.

THORNYCROFT - On 7th October 1995, Kathleen, much loved wife of Guy, mother of David and Mark. Cremation private. Memorial Service All Saints' Eyton, Herefordshire, 3 pm Monday 16th October.

TRUMPER - Suddenly on October 5th Gilbert (Bill) of Kingston, S. Devon. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium, Hele Road, Torquay, on Friday October 13th at 3.30 pm. All enquiries to J. & G. Perrott, tel: (01548) 852302.

WARNOCK - Geoffrey James died at home 8th October 1995 aged 72. Private funeral. A memorial service will be arranged.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HATTON - Professor Ragnhild. A Celebration of the life of the late Professor Ragnhild Hatton will be held on Friday 20th October 1995 at 6 pm in the Founders' Room at the London School of Economics. All who wish to attend are welcome. RSVP: Director's Office, 0171 955 7007.

MATTHES - Eric Charles Christian, 1927-1995. A service will be held to celebrate and remember Eric, a loved local organist and teacher, at St Stephen's Church, Dulwich, London, at 11 am on Friday 20th October 1995.

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HOME - Rosamond. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Miss Rosamond Home will be held on Tuesday 24th October in the Chapel of St Thomas's Hospital, SE1 at 12.30 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THOMPSON - Mrs Pat Thompson and the family of the late Brian Thompson wish to express their thanks for the kind thoughts and sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement and for the generous donations to British Heart Foundation and B.D.A. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

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OBITUARY

LORD HOME OF THE HIRSEL

Lord Home of the Hirsel, KT, PC, who as Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister, 1963-64, and twice served as Foreign Secretary, 1960-63 and 1970-74, died yesterday aged 92. He was born on July 2, 1903.

Occupying No 10 for a shorter time than any other Prime Minister this century, save for Bonar Law, Alec Douglas-Home may well be remembered as the unlucky Prime Minister. He had the misfortune to come to the highest office after the Conservatives had been in Government for a dozen years, using up three previous Prime Ministers in the process. Not surprisingly, there was a widespread feeling that it was time for a change. On a more personal level, he had immediately to make the adjustment, which he did not find easy, from the quieter, more courteous atmosphere of the House of Lords to the bear-pit of the Commons — something which he had not experienced since his involuntary recruitment to the Upper House 12 years earlier.

More undermining than that, however, his selection as Prime Minister had been engineered by his predecessor. The role that Harold Macmillan played in October 1963 effectively destroyed the royal prerogative of the monarch choosing the nation's First Minister, at least from within a single party, and saw to it that Lord Home was the last Tory leader to emerge by what used to be known as "the customary processes of consultation".

Many Conservatives maintained that the party would have done better, would even have won the 1964 general election, under R. A. Butler's leadership. Certainly, that is what Home's opponent, Harold Wilson, believed — and, for that matter, the Liberal leader Jo Grimond too. Yet it should not be overlooked that in October 1963 Home took over a Government whose morale was shattered and whose standing in the opinion polls was abysmal. A year later Labour won the general election, with an overall majority of only four seats. That the new Prime Minister recovered so much ground in so short a time was in itself an achievement.

Home had two weaknesses as Prime Minister. He had no expertise in economic matters: indeed, he had joked in a newspaper interview, before any thought of the premiership occurred to him, that he did his sums with matchsticks (a confession Harold Wilson never allowed him to forget). He was also not at ease, and did not look his best, on television. As a TV make-up lady once brutally told him, he had the misfortune to possess a head that came across on the screen looking like a skull.

Throughout his career, though, he possessed the enviable gift of inspiring trust in those who served under him: it was Margaret Thatcher who in June this year called him "the best Prime Minister to work with that I have ever known". He may not have been the dominant intellect in his own administration. But he knew how to run a government. He could take without anguish the decisions that properly lie with a Prime Minister. He did not try, as other Prime Ministers have been known to do, to perform the work of his departmental ministers for them. He did not fuss. He had courage in the big things, and the judgment to know which things were big.

But his reputation does not rest solely, perhaps not even principally, upon his year-long period as Prime Minister. In his two spells as Foreign Secretary, one before and the other after his premiership, he displayed a firm grasp of large issues and a conspicuous independence of mind.

When he first became Foreign Secretary in July 1960 his appointment met a storm of disapproval unprecedented in postwar years. There was the obvious complaint that such a great office should not be held by one confined to the House of Lords — though Home himself always believed that it was positively easier for a peer to be Foreign Secretary. But there was another fear, not always expressed yet often deeply felt: that Macmillan was so determined to be his own Foreign Secretary that he wanted an ineffectual "yes-man" to be the nominal head of the Foreign Office. That this alarm proved to be totally unfounded — on African policy in particular Home was far to the right of Macmillan — had a good deal to do with the fact that the Foreign Secretary, somewhat surprisingly, emerged as the darling of the party conference.

But if Home was considered by many to be lucky to be chosen by his Prime Minister the first time he was made Foreign Secretary, his Prime Minister was thought to be the fortunate one on the second occasion that Home agreed to serve at the Foreign Office. After Home stood down as Conservative leader in July 1965 — of his own accord though after much sniping within the party and from Conservative newspapers — he acted with notable grace towards his successor. He was for almost five years Edward Heath's Shadow Foreign Secretary before returning to the Foreign Office in June 1970 where he remained throughout the Heath administration until March 1974.

He brought to the office once again his capacity for straight talking, for toughness towards the Soviet Union and for firmness (sometimes interpreted as a lack of sympathy) towards the countries of Africa and Asia. But he brought something else as well: an unusual degree of international respect. As a former Prime Minister, he naturally carried extra weight with other Foreign Ministers. His long experience of international affairs and the pungent clarity with which he would express his views mattered still more. But the reputation of a politician abroad is always enhanced when it is known that he commands influence at home. Home's generosity towards his successor established him in the hearts of Conservatives: he had put the cohesion and effectiveness of the party ahead of any personal considerations. It also won him a new popular respect as a different kind of politician. When he first became Prime Minister his social background had been a handicap. Harold Wilson had mocked him as "the 14th Earl" (though Home got his own back by modestly murmuring on television: "I suppose Mr Wilson is really, when you come to think of it, the 14th Mr Wilson"). In any event, all this soon ceased to matter, and may even have become a positive advantage. Certainly, Home's unmistakable patrician air strengthened the impression of a disinterested detachment.

That impression was only half-true. No man without his due share of ambition becomes Prime Minister. Home was tougher than he looked. He had an air of diffident charm; but while the charm was genuine, and his manners were perfect, the diffidence was only superficial. The one thing he was not was an amateur who had strayed into politics with only half his mind on the game. For more than forty years he was a determined, full-time practitioner of the art.

But in the age of the career politician he represented an older strain. He stood within the Conservative Party for the inherited landed interest. Over and above the normal ambition of the regular politician, and the zest for party combat, he had an old-fashioned concept of public service which won the esteem not only of colleagues but of political opponents and a wider public as well.

Alexander Frederick Douglas-Home, Baron Home of the Hirsel, former 14th Earl of Home in the peerage of Scotland and Baron Douglas in the peerage of the United Kingdom, was born at 28 South Street, Mayfair, the eldest son of Lord Dunglass who in 1918 became the 13th Earl of Home. He spent his childhood among a family of five brothers — one of whom was the playwright, William Douglas-Home — and two sisters at Coldstream in the Scottish Border country, where he developed a love of country pursuits, particularly fishing and shooting, which he was never to lose.

At Eton, where Cyril Connolly famously recalled him as being "honourably ineligible for the struggles of life" he was one of those apparently effortlessly successful boys who combine popularity with more tangible achievements. He became president of Pop and played cricket for the XI, scoring 66 against Harrow at Lord's in 1922. At Oxford, where he was up at Christ Church, he got only a third in history but played for the university on a number of occasions, though without getting his Blue.

After coming down from university he played the occasional match for Middlesex, and in 1926 toured Argentina with the MCC, under Sir Pelham ("Plum") Warner, as an aggressive batsman and a more than useful seam bowler. In later life, even while a Cabinet minister, he was still going on tour with the Eton Ramblers whenever he could spare the time.

His political career began in 1929 when he stood unsuccessfully in the safe Labour constituency of Coatbridge in Lanarkshire. Two years later he was elected as Unionist MP for South Lanark, the constituency he was to represent for the next 14 years as Lord Dunglass. (This was in the days when the Conservatives were known as the Unionist Party in Scotland.) Almost immediately he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and in 1935 he was switched to be PPS to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Labour.

His first big step forward came the following year when Neville Chamberlain, then Chancellor of the Exchequer and due to become Prime Minister within a matter of months, chose Dunglass as his PPS. He stayed with Chamberlain until the latter's retirement from office, went with him to the final meeting with Hitler in Munich and was an active supporter of the appeasement policy — a fact which, however unpopular in later years, he never attempted to obscure. While criticising Chamberlain for the naivety of his claim that the agreement with Hitler meant "peace for our time", Home maintained in later years that it had, nonetheless, brought a breathing space that was essential for Britain.

After Chamberlain's retirement he went on active service as a major with the Lanarkshire Yeomanry in which he had been commissioned in 1924. Soon, however, he fell ill with tuberculosis of the spine and after a delicate operation had to spend two years on his back in plaster.

It was not until 1943 that he was able to return to the House of Commons and subsequently attracted notice again with a vigorous attack on the Yalta Agreement. In May 1945 he was appointed Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Churchill's short-lived "caretaker" administration. He was defeated at the general election that summer and spent the next five years concentrating mostly on local and Scottish affairs. In 1950 he won back his seat in South Lanark, but the following year had to move up to the House of Lords on the death of his father.

In their campaign before the 1951 general election the Conservatives promised that, if elected, they would appoint another senior minister for Scotland. The purpose was to have someone of standing without ties in the Commons who could spend more of his time at St Andrew's House in Edinburgh than was possible for the Secretary of State with his parliamentary duties in London. It was a post for which Home was ideally suited and for the next four years he was Minister of State for Scotland.

With his political experience, his social prestige and his immense conscientiousness he made an outstanding success of the appointment. If he was not much in the English political limelight, he was enabled to confirm his standing with the Unionist Party in Scotland and to enhance his reputation within the Government for unostentatious efficiency.

When Anthony Eden succeeded to the premiership in April 1955 Home became Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. The five years that he was in this post — for some of the time combining the duties with those of Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords — were eventful ones. They saw the Suez crisis, the turbulent events in Central Africa, Harold Macmillan's declaration of the "wind of change" — all with direct bearing upon Commonwealth relationships.



Yet at the end of it all Home remained to the general public a shadowy figure, whose personality had made little impact. He proved himself a competent administrator, conscientious in his travels, an able negotiator and a shrewd chairman. But he did not seem to be an initiator of policy — partly, no doubt, because in Africa anyway he stood for the old Walpolian principle of *tranquilla non movere*. By comparison with the Colonial Secretary, Iain Macleod, with whom he never got on, he was, in the newspaper reader's eyes, "sound", but also considerably less exciting.

It was largely because he had not at that stage developed a greater public identity that his selection as Foreign Secretary in 1960 was so controversial. But once he was in that post he created quite a different impression upon his countrymen. On numerous occasions, in this country and overseas, he spoke of the need for a firm and realistic attitude towards the Soviet Union. This impression of him as the apostle of toughness was strengthened by his warnings to the United Nations on the dangers of double standards: applying one set to the Western democracies and another less demanding set to the Soviet Union. In the Cuban crisis he showed that his strength of purpose was not confined to his rhetoric — and it is probable that he was less alarmed by Kennedy's policy than Macmillan is now known to have been. Yet in his negotiations on the future of Berlin and disarmament he demonstrated his capacity for a certain diplomatic flexibility.

On the most critical foreign policy initiative of those years — the application to join the European Economic Community — Home's role was limited to that of the loyal team player. Macmillan led the way in taking the decision of principle, and the detailed negotiations were the responsibility of Edward Heath, the second Foreign Office Cabinet minister who was also the principal spokesman on foreign affairs in the Commons. It was a tribute to Home's lack of personal vanity that this division of labour worked as well as it did.

By this time the early disapproval of Home's appointment had melted away. But when Macmillan was forced by ill-health to get Home to read a letter intimating his intention to resign to the Conservative Party conference at Blackpool on October 10, 1963, it seemed at first that there were just three possible successors: Butler, Lord Hailsham and Reginald Maudling.

The outgoing Prime Minister initially preferred Lord Hailsham, who also had much support in the party in recognition of his brilliant success as Conservative chairman in the run-up to the 1959 election. But the excitable manner in which he threw his hat into the ring, by declaring at a fringe meeting that he would be disclaiming his peerage, made many people question his judgment. The Tory Right strongly resisted the choice of Butler, and Macmillan, for reasons that remain obscure, clearly believed that he was not the man to be Prime Minister. Maudling was considered too young — and by some too *louche* — to command sufficient approval, so thoughts began to turn towards Home.

Both in his speech as Foreign Secretary and in his role as president of the National Union, in which capacity he took the chair at the final rally addressed by Butler, Home impressed the conference. After the frenzied atmosphere at Blackpool there was an understandable appeal in a possible successor whose instinctive dignity was beyond question.

Nevertheless, a good deal of confusion was created by the way in which Macmillan insisted on combining the roles of kingmaker and judge. He was determined to see to it that the Conservatives got the leader he wanted while simultaneously conducting the process of consultation designed to establish whom the party wanted. It was on the basis of these consultations — with Cabinet ministers, MPs, peers and constituency activists — that he advised the Queen and handed her a memorandum when she came to visit him in the King Edward VII Hospital, where he was recuperating after his prostate operation.

There were accusations that in his second role he was not being as impartial as he should have been, and some resentment was created that the party was having a choice foisted upon it. At the eleventh hour, in an attempt to stop Home, the other two main contenders agreed to unite behind Butler.

It was because of these manoeuvres and uncertainties that Home, whose nerve almost entirely failed him early on the Friday morning, at first did not accept the Queen's commission but informed her only that he would see if he could form a government. Had the other contenders, especially Butler, declined to serve under him it is unlikely that he could, or would, have tried to go ahead. But they all eventually agreed to come in and on the next day — Saturday, October 19 — the 14th Earl of Home became the first peer to be Prime Minister since the days of the 3rd Marquess of Salisbury at the beginning of the century.

Macmillan and his friends always maintained that Home was unquestionably the choice of the party. But the episode left behind a residue of bitterness — and for an understandable reason. When the question of the succession was first discussed by the Cabinet on the eve of the party conference (Macmillan having withdrawn in some physical distress) Home had put himself forward, alongside the Lord Chancellor, Lord Dilhorne, as one of the two colleagues who could be consulted freely by the others as they were not themselves candidates. Both Enoch Powell and Iain Macleod saw this as a commitment from which Home should have sought to be released before agreeing to be a candidate, and refused to serve under him.

Damaging as this accusation was, there could have been a misunderstanding on the point. It was, after all, only through a constitutional nicety, provoked by Tony Benn, that it was possible for Home to be eligible at all. To have a Prime Minister in the Lords would, following the Curzon precedent of 40 years earlier, have been out of the question. But, as a result of Benn's determined campaign not to be deposited against his will in the Upper House, the Peerage Act had come into law in August 1963 permitting future peers to renounce within a month of inheritance. More to the point, so far as Home was concerned, those who were peers already were given 12 months to decide if they wished to elect for commoner status.

Ruling himself out of the succession, before Macmillan's impending departure became known, thus could still have been the reflex action of a hereditary peer not yet fully adjusted to the new opportunity that confronted him (though, interestingly, it is now known that a month earlier Home had received a letter from Martin Redmayne, the Government Chief Whip, asking him to hold himself in readiness should Macmillan fall). Equally revealingly, Home always kept among his papers a *New Statesman* article of the previous December pointing out that the renunciation option would conveniently become open to him in 1963 if a Peerage Bill went through along the lines the select committee had proposed. Fortunately for him, and thanks to the Lords rather than the Commons, it had done exactly that by August 1963 — and, from his point of view, the succession crisis could hardly have been better timed. If it had come three months earlier — or nine months later — neither he nor Lord Hailsham could have returned to the Commons without special enabling legislation.

Macleod subsequently wrote a famous article in *The Spectator*, of which he had become Editor, alleging that the choice had been made by a small social elite within the party. It was a damaging, divisive charge which convinced Home that no succeeding Conservative leader should ever be put in the position where his claim to office was questioned by his own party.

So, after the narrow Conservative defeat in the 1964 general election, Home took the initiative in providing a system for electing future leaders by all Conservative MPs after consultation with the party at large. The system, though its details were modified later, was first put into effect (in the election in which Heath defeated both Maudling and Powell) after Home announced in July 1965 that he was resigning the leadership.

There was no necessity for him to do so. There were, it is true, campaigns within the party to dislodge him on the ground that the Conservatives needed a more modern-looking leader to suit the mood of the 1960s if they were to regain power swiftly. But Home could have resisted had he chosen to do so. He did not — perhaps partly from weariness, partly from distaste, but also from conviction. He believed that a new leader was required to unite the party.

There then began what may be regarded in many respects as the climax of his career. He was the elder statesman, once more in charge of foreign affairs for the Conservatives, but more honoured than ever before. He had a claim now upon the affections of his party and the country which no office could bestow.

His second spell as Foreign Secretary was from 1970 to 1974. He became the first British Foreign Secretary to visit China since Palmerston. He attempted to negotiate a Rhodesian settlement, which might have avoided guerrilla warfare in that country, though it came to nothing when a commission under the chairmanship of Lord Pearce found that it was unacceptable to African opinion. Perhaps, though, the most characteristic episode of this second stewardship was the expulsion of 105 named individuals from the Soviet Embassy for spying: a firm and typical action taken with deliberation.

But Home played once again a relatively small part in connection with Britain's renewed application to join the European Community. This time the initiative was successful, and the members of the Government certainly regarded it as the most important foreign policy decision — perhaps as the most historic decision of all — during their term of office. But, as in the early 1960s, the main thrust came from the Prime Minister, in this case Edward Heath, and the detailed negotiation was left to one of Home's colleagues, on this occasion Geoffrey Rippon.

It would have been too much for a busy Foreign Secretary to have become embroiled in such time-consuming negotiations. But it was always true that Home was less happy with detail than with determining the general direction of policy. His weaknesses as well as his strengths were evident in his attitude towards Scottish devolution down the years. As a Scotsman who sat for a Scottish constituency and whose home was in Scotland, he was peculiarly well placed to sense the mood of the Scottish people. He judged that some greater decentralisation of power from Westminster to Edinburgh was needed.

This made him a supporter in principle of a measure of parliamentary devolution within the United Kingdom. But his attempts to put that principle into practice were never happy. In 1968 Heath made what became known as his "Declaration of Perth" in which he called for an elected Scottish assembly. Home was then invited to chair a committee of distinguished men and women to put flesh on the bones of this proposal. The committee suggested that there should be a directly elected Scottish Convention in Edinburgh that would take the second reading, committee and report stages of those Scottish Bills referred to it by Parliament. No solutions were provided to the problems that would occur if the majority in the House of Commons were of a different political persuasion from the majority in the convention. Subsequently Home supported the Labour Government's devolution proposals, but then retracted, saying that a future Conservative government would offer a better scheme — which it never did. It was not an impressive episode in his career but it was a small cloud in a large sky.

After the defeat of the Heath Government in the February 1974 election Home announced his retirement from the Conservative front bench and he did not stand for the House of Commons again in the second (October) election of that year. On becoming Prime Minister in 1963 he had disclaimed his peerages, taken the title of Sir Alec Douglas-Home and stood for election in the by-election that was pending in Kinross and West Perthshire. He won the seat with a substantially increased majority and held it comfortably until his retirement from the Commons.

A life peerage, as Lord Home of the Hirsel, was then conferred upon him. Although his active political life was over, he continued to make characteristically trenchant contributions to public debate, especially on international affairs, in the House of Lords and elsewhere. In 1976 he published his autobiography, *The Way The Wind Blows* (which Rab Butler dismissed as "a book about fishing"). His other publications included *Border Reflections* (1979) and *Letters to a Grandson* (1983).

Home was sworn of the Privy Council in 1951 and was created a Knight of the Thistle in 1962. He became Chancellor of that Order in 1973, only retiring from the office in 1992 after suffering a stroke. From 1966 until 1977 he served as the first Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University, in 1966-67 he was president of the MCC, and in his later years many other honours were bestowed upon him.

In 1936 he married Elizabeth Hester, daughter of the Very Rev Cyril Alington, sometime Dean of Durham and Head Master of Eton. She died in 1990. They had one son and three daughters. The earldom, which Home had renounced for his lifetime, now passes to his son, David Alexander Cospatrick Douglas-Home, chairman of Morgan Grenfell International, who in 1963 discontinued the use of his courtesy title of Lord Dunglass.



Vicky's celebrated 1963 cartoon: contenders for the leadership of the Conservative Party

Newcastle's Gillespie leads the way as the players' ITF teams come under the spotlight

Players show feet of clay despite inside knowledge

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

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In any football stadium there are more than enough managers to go around. Everyone has their own opinion on how best to run the team. In fact, the general view is that the only man who has not the slightest idea what he is doing is the real manager himself.

So, with Interactive Team Football (ITF) comes the chance for everyone to put their football knowledge on the line and show the professionals how it should be done. Some have more knowledge than others and you would imagine that the players would have more than most, but when it comes to picking ITF teams, they are as fallible as the rest of us.

The Premiership players who have entered ITF play by slightly different rules. They are not allowed to pick anyone from their own club but are obliged to select their club manager. That apart, they are free to do whatever they wish within the £35 million budget.

Leading the list of prospective managers who have been featured in *The Times* is Keith Gillespie of Newcastle. His ITF team was given a flying start by the performance of Kevin Keegan in the dugout - as the Toon Army have marched to the top of the Premiership so Keegan has notched up 20 points.

Apart from losing eight points through Sheffield Wednesday's Pressman in goal (-6) and Bardsley (-2), the Queens Park Rangers full back, and scoring nothing by selecting Jackson of Everton, the rest of Gillespie's team has been consistent rather than prolific. Between them, Gillespie's forward partnership of Dennis Bergkamp and Mark Hughes has scored only 23 points, one less than Tony Yeboah, the Leeds United striker, has managed alone. No matter, Gillespie still leads the list of players with 84 points.

Close on his heels is Simon Barker of QPR. He was the only man to select Yeboah at £7.5 million and has reaped the reward, with a team total of 83 points. The backbone of his success comes from Middlesbrough and Liverpool in the shape of Cox and Barnes, who between them cost a mere £4 million and have scored 14 points each.

Value for money is obviously of great importance in the ITF because of its rigid budget, but finding a sure thing in football is decidedly difficult at the best of times.

Bolton's David Lee must have thought he had his money's worth when spending £15 million on Tim Flowers and Alan Shearer. But while Shearer racked up 22 points, Flowers conceded the same.

The dubious honour of being bottom of the players' list goes to Chris Sutton of Blackburn. His theory was simple: build a miserly defence and a good scoring partnership and let the midfield look after itself. The theory, however, has not worked out in practice. His defence has leaked eight points — with only David Unsworth managing to score anything at all — and his strikers, Le Tissier and Rösler, have scored only 17 points between them.

The lion's share of Sutton's meagre 47 points have come from the midfield of Impey, Keane, Draper and Burley, who have amassed 36 points. They were the players who were only supposed to be making up the numbers. So much for theories.

If your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You may change up to two players each week, but note that each transfer is a separate transaction and you must sell a player before buying one. Remember to replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget.

The ITF transfer system also allows you to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership, or to select any overseas or Endsleigh Insurance League player who moves into the Premiership.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone, (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call 0891 333 331 during the times given. Calls will be charged at 39 pence per minute cheap rate, 49 pence per minute at other times. If you are calling from the Republic of Ireland, you must call 004 499 020 0631.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals from the same club.

☐ *All queries regarding Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171 757 7016.*



Keith Gillespie, in the thick of the title race with Newcastle, has used his knowledge of opponents to select the players' leading ITF team



Chris Sutton of Blackburn props up the players' ITF list

THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

IN

There are no transfers into the ITF game this week.

OUT

There are no transfers out of the ITF game this week.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All FA Carling Premiership and FA Cup matches in the 1995-6 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts

POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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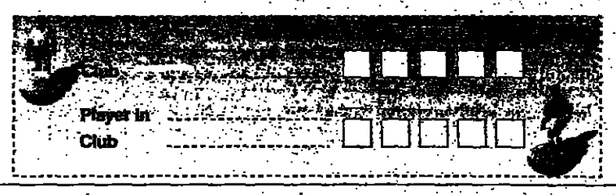
The line is open from 6am on Tuesday until 11am on Saturday, from 6pm on Saturday to 11am on Sunday and from 6pm on Sunday until 3pm on Monday. If there are midweek matches the lines will also close at 3pm on the day of the match (or matches) and re-open the following day at 6am.

You may make up to (but no more than) two transfers a week. Each transfer is a separate transaction and you must sell a player before you can buy one.

A player transferred out of your team must be replaced by a player from the same category - for example a full back for a full back.

When purchasing a player you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget (even if your next transfer would rectify any overspending) and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The score of the player transferred out is taken at the time of transfer; he then ceases to score for you.



THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	163
2	Sunwell United	(R Banham)	162
3	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	159
4	Twighlight United	(P C Dilworth)	156
4	Phychic T V	(T Vardy)	156
6	The Subjugators	(MP Ayres)	154
7	Triple Peelers	(JB Portwood)	153
7	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadison)	153
7	Gohils Gods 65	(Mr B Gohil)	153
10	Not Got A Chance	(M Clark)	152
11	Supervillans	(R Hassell)	151
11	The Cutting Edge	(Mr A Weston)	151
13	Mean Machine	(Ramesh Patel)	150
14	The Crucial Eleven	(A Stroud)	149
14	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	149
16	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	148
16	Waters Wanderers	(Waters Wanderers)	148
16	The Conjurers	(Mr DJ Farmer)	148
16	Loxton's Longshots	(C Loxton)	148
16	Bora In Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	148
16	No Defence Ok	(JB Portwood)	148
22		(P Hanna)	147
22	Finnharps Return	(K Devlin)	147
22	Dreamer Fithp	(Mr G Wesson)	147
22	Tommy Cockles XI	(Mr P Johnson)	147
22	Physyco And Smither	(K Booth)	147
27	Severn Legal	(M Moore)	146
27	Jones Boys Six	(ML Jones)	146
27	Ashford Borough	(Mr W Donoghue)	146
30	KBT UTD	(R Patterson)	145
30	Dirty Boogers	(G Fallowfield)	145
30	The Butler	(S Umerjee)	145
30	Holte End Heroes	(Mrs S Casley)	145
30	Wahtley Wanderers	(SD Whatley)	145
30	P S V Betamix	(Lt A McCole)	145
30	Misfits Pathetic	(Mrs JA Grainger)	145
30	Cara's Hotshots	(C Carnese)	145
38	Mighty Men 1	(C Marshall)	144
38	Merts Mates 20	(Mr M Hifzi)	144
38	Andys Athletic	(AR Howse)	144
38	Chach Association	(A Bahadur)	144
38	My Cat Bailey	(Mr P Johnson)	144
38	Annette's Answers	(A Smith)	144
38	P S D Eleven	(P Desai)	144
38	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	144
38	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	144
47	Steves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	143
47	Oh Nicky Evans	(Mr P Johnson)	143
47	Beckys Babes	(DJ Ready)	143
50	HOPE FC	(M Betts)	142
50	A TEAM	(A James)	142
50	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	142
50	The Premier Raiders 1	(Miss C Elie)	142
50	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	142
50	Than United	(N Giddings)	142
50	Edprops United	(R Edmondson)	142
50	Warbreck Misfits	(C Lang)	142
50	Disaster Area	(S Pottage)	142
50	Jonathans Jems	(J Ludge)	142
50	Shrimpy	(D Collier)	142
61	OHME	(R Matthewson)	141
61	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	141
61	Ramsey Rovers	(P Hill)	141
61	The Black Knights	(RA Green)	141
61	Stirling Villains	(M Sadiq)	141
61	Poundswick Pupils	(J Plaiter)	141
61	Twinkletoes Two	(J Brown)	141
68	Rovers FC	(D Summerhill)	140
68	Moorside Farm	(G Dallimore)	140



Teddy Sheringham is a key player in Kevins Kickers

68	Hiranis 1ST 11	(R Hirani)	140
68	Incetta	(B Daly)	140
68	L	(L Brown)	140
68	MAC United	(T McCluskey)	140
68	Effortless Achievers	(A West)	140
68	Dave's Dribblers	(D Hart)	140
68	Rowens Rangers	(T Hodgkinson)	140
68	The Warbirds	(K Anwar)	140
68	Gohils Gods 34	(Mr R Gohil)	140
68	Robaniel Town	(MA Barnes)	140
68	Al's Alsorans	(A Hancock)	140
68	Long Live The Queen	(L Wilson)	140
68	Sporting Siders	(K Doughty)	140
68	No Hopers	(S Harris)	140
68	Roberedhotrovers	(R Cook)	140
85	Fudgels Foulers	(I Abu Hejleh)	139
85	Stanley Lions	(A Boyd)	139
85	The Doug Hutches	(M Stacey)	139
85	Inter Red Dragon	(D Williams)	139
85	Crystal Eagles	(Mr B Brock)	139
85	The Assassinaters	(M Tapper)	139
85	Jackpot For Shaw	(Mr D Shaw)	139
85	The Tommy Knockers	(K Angove)	139
85	Barnard Pie	(P Lowatt)	139
85	Wolves Of Fenric	(S Adamson)	139
85	Creme De La Prem	(Mr C Tesseras)	139
85	They're Here	(Mr P Johnson)	139
85	Lobbys Losers	(Mr P Johnson)	139
85	Mama Rumua FC	(J Andreas)	139
85	The Evil Eyes	(D Collier)	139
85	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	139
85	Rooks Rovers	(S Rook)	139
85	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	139
85	Gary's Heroes	()	139
85	Dennis Dynamos 2	(H Francis)	139
105	Scud 4	(P HYMAS)	138
105	Gary Pearce	(G D Pearce)	138
105	Lynnes Line Up	(L Rexworthy)	138
105	Newsun	(P Gerry)	138
105	Firefly City	(I Harrison)	138
105	Special Mode	(S Newman)	138
105	Barnet FC	(Mr P Johnson)	138
105	Len's Utd	(N Laine)	138
105	Newcastle Browns 2	(B MacLennan)	138
105	Champions 1995-96	(S Mc Gill)	138
105	Richard's Raiders	(R Leach)	138
116	ACE FC	(M R Nightingale)	137
116	Zinc Alloys	(D Rooney)	137
116	Sparky	(MR Adcliffe)	137
116	Tunde United	(Dr T Adetunji)	137
116	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	137
116	Woodside Boys	(L Atkin)	137
116	Gregs Eleven	(G Coward)	137
116	Map 6	(M Priestley)	137
116	Shep's Super Squad	(T Shepherd)	137
116	Lancers United	(Mr MM Kirkwood)	137
116	Burnley Bounce Back	(L McNally)	137
116	Happy Wanderers	(Mr T Naughton)	137
116	Elm Park Aphids	(Mr JMS Petty)	137
116	Petersonians	(J Paterson)	137
116	Runnys Rovers	(M Biggs)	137
116	The Bacon Slicers	(B Reed)	137
116	AC Avengers	(A Coulter)	137
116	Murpheys Law	(C Wright)	137
116	Yip Man Rovers	(M Garner)	137
135	Charwayna	(P Robson)	136
135	MGM	(M Morgan)	136
135	McDiamonds	(C Stevenson)	136
135	Ards FC	(S McConnell)	136
135	Portrush Rovers	(W J Harris)	136
135	Eaton Forgers	(M Davison)	136
135	Wellington United	(W Liu)	136
135	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	136
135	Treacle Heros	(S Hardie)	136
135	Zappas Allstars	(Mr S Williams)	136
135	Unlikely Lads	(S Cox)	136
135	Black August	(Mr DJ Hornsby)	136
135	Buster The Dog	(S Hill)	136
135	Geordie Jackpot	(P Nesbitt)	136
135	Freedom XI	(P Mennie)	136
135	The X Men	(M Walker)	136
135	Partizan Beograd I	(Mr D Stojkovic)	136
135		(J Nicholl)	136
135	Dyfanwyr Mall	(DR Owen)	136
135	Map 5	(M Priestley)	136
135	Jinxed Utd	(N Coles)	136
135	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	136
135	Real Athletic	(Mrs G Keynes)	136
135	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr P Johnson)	136
135	Blatant Orient	(J Clay)	136
135	Robbie's Rovers	(R Dick)	136
135	Oh There It Is !	(P Jones)	136
135	Razor's Raiders	(RA Knowles)	136
135	Roker Rovers	(D Milbourn)	136
135	TLT Utd	(PM Lucas)	136
135	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	136
135	Martinets 5	(T Martin)	136
135	Fingers Crossed	(CH Poppleton)	136
168	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	135
168	Goodlas 3RDS	(J Goodman)	135
168	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	135
168	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	135
168	Nanou	(G Bahdjelian)	135
168	PBFC	(P Blyth)	135
168	Woodlands Park	(C Austin)	135
168	Harringtoe Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	135
168	Maggie's Marvels	(M Welsh)	135
168	Hotpies	(A Cornick)	135
168	Les Gegnants	(P Crosby)	135
168		(K Bowman)	135
168	Naylm From Halfway	(Mr J Langton)	135
168	Porn Stars 3	(D Jones)	135
168	Papa 'New Guines'	(G Hudson)	135
168	Be Seeing You	(Mr P Johnson)	135
168	Henry Hilda	(Mr T Thompson)	135
168	Nark Wanderers	(S Islam)	135
168	Chas Turnips	(Mr N Hemming)	135
168	The Reservoir Dogs	(S Reid)	135
168	Royle's Rangers	(PM Evans)	135
168	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	135
168	The Jakies	(MJ Adams)	135
168	Petrol Rovers	(K Felton)	135
168	Dwayne Dribblers	(AJ Philcox)	135
168	Donkey And Co	(T Robson)	135
168	Donnay's Dream	(H Matthews)	135
168	Teddy Five	(Mr B Bear)	135
168	Garlic Bread	(D Collier)	135
168	Petes Collecton	(Mr B Mod)	135
168	Martinets 4	(T Martin)	135
199	Mexs Marvels	(Max Watson)	134
199	Blackpearls	(W Gayle)	134
199	Broon Ale Bombers	(S McTaggart)	134
199	Sky Interactivo	(I.T Smith)	134
199	Benedsh Utd	(Mr M Strickland)	134
199	The Red Hot XI	(M Furniss)	134
199	Havoc FC	(M Vokes)	134
199	Burnham Green 'E'	(Mr DS Chapman)	134
199	Tyne Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	134
199	Vane Diagram Utd	(R Cassells)	134
199	Ben Rochost	(BJ Bennett)	134
199	Some Hope Utd	(A Burnett)	134
199	Goals Please	(A Gooch)	134
199	Wallace & Gromit FC	(Mr S Hyams)	134
199	Stanton's Buds	(Mr D Conroy)	134
199	The Taxman Cometh	(Mr P Ashoka)	134
199	Somersetshire FC	(M Smith)	134
199	Plymouth Panthers	(G Ruffin)	134
199	Al Jouf Fox	(Mr J Reader)	134
199	Dream On 2	(A Close)	134
199	Papadopoulos City	(A Papadopoulos)	134
199	Waiting Warriors	(P Sharks)	134
199	Fantasy Flops?	(I Nield)	134
199	Rollands Rats	(W Casker)	134
199	UFS United	(M Hyland)	134
199	Raving Roosters	(T Hall)	134
199	IFK Basingbarg	(J Gage)	134
199	Sharpey's Superstars	(Mr A Sharples)	134
199	Emm's Gemm's	(E Bennett)	134
228	Screencraft	(P Long)	133
228	Einstains Eleven	(S Muggridge)	133
228	Netbusters	(C B Mitchell)	133
228	Partisans	(E Donald)	133
228	Buckley City	(M H BuckleY)	133
228	Marksmen	(M Simmonds)	133
228	Novocastrians	(E Donald)	133
228		(I Kilkenny)	133
228		(E Scott)	133
228	Redcar	(G Thompson)	133
228	Real Hangover	(Tim Thomas)	133
228	The Dream of 67	(P Hawkins)	133
228	MCFC	(M Close)	133
228	Steves Lions 2	(S Brewer)	133
228	Steves Lions 7	(S Brewer)	133
228	Weldon Wanderers FC	(S Lee)	133
228	Going Great Guns	(M Kosta)	133
228	The Rising Storm	(Mr DJ Hornsby)	133
228	I Need Another $10m	(R Woolley)	133
228	Ipswich Hopefuls	(N Fox)	133
228	Dickys Destroyers	(Mr R Dickinson)	133
228	Bay Horse Reserves	(G Plews)	133
228	The Specialists	(J Mays)	133

The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	-22
10102	R Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	-5
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-2
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	0	+6
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	0	+2
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+12
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-14
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-16
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	+5	-8
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+9
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+14
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-6
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	+5	-11
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-8
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	0	-22
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	0	-16
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+14
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+13
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-28
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-5
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-3
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	0	0
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+8
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0	-5
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+9
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+8
20303	A-I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+11
20402	S-I Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	0	+11
20501	A Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+8
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+6
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0	-3
20504	K Sharp	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
20602	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-4
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	0
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-2
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	0
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	0
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-7
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-2
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	+4	+2
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	+3	+1
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	+1	+4
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+7
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	0	+11
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+12
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+14
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21301	D Petrescu	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+1
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+4
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-1
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	0	-2
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	+4	-2
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	+4	+3
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+6
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0	0
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	0	-4
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	0	-7
21701	T Phelan	Manchester City	1.50	0	-8
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	0	-7
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	-6
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0	-5
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+16
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+4
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+15
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+14
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+11
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-9
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-10
22003	J Phillips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	-10
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+2
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	-2
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-1
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	0
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	0	+5
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	0	+3
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	0	0
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+6
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+3
30303	C Tiler	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	0	+10
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0	+9
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	-1
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0	+9
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	0	+11
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+7
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0	-1
30504	D O'Leary	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0	+1
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0	0
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-3
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	-2
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-1
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	0
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	0
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	+1
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+3
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-1
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-7
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	+4	-2
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	+4	0
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+10
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+11
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	-2
31201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0	+17
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+13
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0	+9
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+2
31302	A Pearce	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+2
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	+4	-2
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	-6
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	+4	+4
31404	S Webster	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+3
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+2
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	0	-4
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0	-2
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0	-2
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-11
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	0	-5
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	0	-6
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+16
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+10
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+13
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+19
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+14
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-11
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-2
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0



Lee Dixon is confident that once Shearer regains form the One Nillers will rise up the ITF standings

Hignett a bargain buy

Lee Dixon, of Arsenal, says patience with his forwards should earn rewards in ITF

I called my team the "One Nillers" after the song that our supporters sing, but that is not say that I do not expect them to score goals. When you sit down to work out your Interactive Team Football (ITF) team, you are trying to remember how the scoring system works, how much money you have got, what positions are likely to score you most points — it can get confusing when you are trying to balance it all up.

So far, my team has collected 65 points, which puts me mid-table against the other players. I am not too happy with that as a position, but it does means that there are players below me. Once Alan Shearer starts scoring, though, we will be up at the top. I went for Shearer because he is a proven goalscorer, although I think that I would be doing better if I had picked him this time last year. I am not too worried, though; I still think that he will come good.

I decided to buy Kevin Campbell because I thought his move to Nottingham Forest would give him a new lease of life. He has had a few injury problems and so far he has not done what I had hoped. He needs time to settle into his new club, but I am sure that he will. He is an old team-mate of mine so I may have to give him a call and sort him out to get him scoring again.

When I picked the team, the midfield seemed to be the cheapest way of scoring points. My best buy is Craig Hignett, of Middlesbrough, at £1 million. I always thought that he was a good player and now that he has got Nicky Barmby up there, that has really opened him up.

Middlesbrough are playing with a lot of confidence, they pass the ball around, create lots of chances and Hignett is a good finisher, and he has earned me a lot of points.

Everton are a team that do not normally let in too many, which is why I picked Neville Southall in goal. When we played them, though, we put two past them and they did not look that good, while we played very well. They are a funny team, though, so who knows what they will do.

I thought that under Joe Royle they would have made a good start this season, but they have struggled a bit.

So far, I have not thought about transfers, although, if my strikers do not buck up their ideas, I may be in touch with them! However, I want a steady team, with no chopping and changing, so I will wait for a while until I start thinking about new players. Being mid-table is no use to me, I have to be up there amongst the medals, but I have every confidence that, come Christmas, when there are lots of matches, we will zoom up that league table.

I am not sure that I am cut out to be a manager once I have stopped playing; only experience will tell on that. I love the game and being a part of it every day, though, so I want to stay in it as long as I can. Nothing beats playing, but, if you cannot have that, then I suppose that being a coach is the next best thing; we will have to see. If the One Nillers keep dropping points like they are at the moment, though, I may not get the choice.

LEE DIXON'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	N Southall (Everton)	£2.5m
Full backs:	I Nolan (Sheff Wed)	£2.5m
	D Irwin (Man Utd)	£4.5m
Central defenders:	D Maddix (QPR)	£1.5m
	A Stubbs (Bolton)	£1.5m
Midfield players:	D Batty (Blackburn)	£1.5m
	J Redknapp (Liverpool)	£2.5m
	A Impey (QPR)	£1.5m
	C Hignett (Middlesbrough)	£1m
Strikers:	A Shearer (Blackburn)	£10m
	K Campbell (Nottm For)	£2.5m
Manager:	B Rioch (Arsenal)	£3.5m

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40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+7
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+7
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+7
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0
40108	L Makel	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+1
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	0	+9
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	0	+7
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0	+13
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	0	+10
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	0	+12
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40301	L Bohinen	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+7
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+4
40303	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+12
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+11
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+6
40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	0	+12
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	0	+11
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+14
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40406	M Walters	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40407	N Clough	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	0
40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+3
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	0	+11
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	0	+15
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	0	+5
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+19
40602	R Fox	Newcastle United	6.00	0	+3
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+12
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+12
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+12
40606	S Sellars	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0	+3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+6
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+4
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+4
40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+11
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+8
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41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0	+9
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41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0	+4
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	0	+3
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0	+4
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	0	+3
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+12
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41207	J Jensen	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+10
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
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41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	+1	+10
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	+2	+7
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
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41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	+1	+2
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41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
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42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+8
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+3
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+7
42006	N McDonald	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	0

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50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+5
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+2
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	0	+3
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	0	+5
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	0	+3
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	0	+12
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	0	+13
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+8
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	0	+22
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	0	+8
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	0	+5
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	0	+24
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	0	+5
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
50505	J Forrester	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	0	+23
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+11
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50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
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50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+10
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+5
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50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+14
50804	G Penrice	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+10
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+6
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+3
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
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51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
51901	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	+11
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
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62001	R McFarland	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-2

NEWS

Major promises to slash spending

■ John Major braced Conservatives for a ruthless assault on spending, particularly on the £85 billion welfare budget, to make room for two tax-cutting budgets before the election.

The Prime Minister told party agents in Blackpool for the annual conference that the Government had to cut taxes — but to do so it would have to make hard choices ..... **Pages 1, 9**

Tributes to Lord Home

■ The Prime Minister led tributes to Lord Home of the Hirsel, who died yesterday aged 92. He described the former Conservative Prime Minister as an understated and often underestimated man who personified the quiet dignity of a Scottish gentleman. John Major said that Lord Home's wealth of knowledge, keen instinct and deep patriotism had combined in a lifetime of public service ..... **Pages 1, 5**

Jury trial move

Juries may be abolished in complex fraud trials following a review by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. There is growing support for the move because of the increasing length and complexity of such trials ..... **Page 1**

Bank merger fear

Lloyds Bank and TSB are to merge in a £5 billion deal that will create Britain's biggest High Street banking network. But the merger is likely to mean the loss of thousands of jobs ..... **Pages 1, 2**

RAF sacks gays

Three RAF officers and five airmen have been discharged from the service this year for being homosexual, the Ministry of Defence said ..... **Page 2**

Broadmoor order

A sex attacker who stabbed a young mother and suffocated her four-year-old daughter was ordered to be detained indefinitely in Broadmoor ..... **Page 3**

Tory defender

A Conservative council that has made more than 2,000 employees redundant had an unlikely champion at an industrial tribunal yesterday — *Cherie Booth, QC, wife of the Labour leader* ..... **Page 4**

Schools fail

Inspectors are to check every school in two London boroughs after one in three was found to be failing ..... **Page 5**

West trial

Rosemary West thought that her future husband, Fred, was capable of anything, including murder, her mother told Winchester Crown Court ..... **Page 6**

Tobacco wars

A health minister clashed with a senior European Community official when he claimed that Europe was undermining anti-smoking measures ..... **Page 11**

Franc defended

The Bank of France acted for a second time to defend the franc against a fresh assault by currency speculators amid a climate of deepening economic uncertainty as the country prepared for a one-day strike ..... **Page 12**

Cold comfort

The shrinking market for coal may soon give Norway what it has never had: sole possession of Spitzbergen, the most northerly inhabited land ..... **Page 13**

Nato bombs Serbs

Nato planes bombed a Bosnian Serb command bunker near Tuzla with laser guided bombs after Serb forces launched a series of assaults on government targets ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Nunn to retire

The Democratic Party suffered a devastating blow when Georgia's Sam Nunn, ignoring appeals from President Clinton, announced his retirement ..... **Page 15**

Fastest penslinger in the West

■ After being hand-wrought on 47,000 fly-leaves in America, the signature of General Colin L. Powell had been reduced to a scrawl by the time he arrived at Hatchards in London to inscribe copies of his autobiography. The general is the fastest penslinger in the west, capable of autographing 800 books an hour. In 40 minutes he managed 463 ..... **Page 1**

JULIAN HERBERT



Jasper, a police dog, sniffs his way along seats at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, before the start of the Conservative conference. Pages 1, 9

BUSINESS

Mining merger: *RTZ Corporation and CRA, RTZ's 49 per cent-owned Australian offshoot, have agreed to combine their businesses* .. **Page 25**

Losing touch: *A new poll by the Institute of Managers suggests that more than half of Britain's managers think the Government is out of touch with business* ..... **Page 25**

Clowes challenge: Peter Clowes, the disgraced financier jailed in 1992 after his Barlow Clowes empire collapsed owing investors about £190 million, has won the first round in his bid to be granted parole ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 16.2 to 3,510.3. Sterling dropped from 85.1 to 84.6. The pound rose from $1.5813 to $1.5848 and fell from DM2.2562 to DM2.2369 .... **Page 28**

SPORT

Rugby league: Denis Betts will captain England against Fiji because Shaun Edwards is not fully fit. Bobby Goulding will stand in at scrum half ..... **Page 48**

Football: Terry Venables, though the front-runner for the new post of England's technical director, says he has not considered whether he wants the job ..... **Page 48**

Motor racing: Damon Hill suffered a hairline fracture of the right leg when he crashed in the European Grand Prix but will take part in the remaining races ..... **Page 48**

Racing: Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board, is considering amalgamating races from different daily meetings to produce larger pools on the Tote ..... **Page 45**

New light: Now, at last, Paris has given us the chance to see Cézanne afresh. In the first full retrospective in decades, the painter is revealed as an artist utterly unlike the deity of legend ..... **Page 34**

Change of pace: Walter Mosley's first four novels have brought him fame as a crime writer in America. Now he's changing direction with a novel about the blues ..... **Page 35**

Cartoon on ice: It's an extravaganza of cuteness as Disney brings Aladdin to Wembley Arena, complete with ice skates ..... **Page 35**

Theatrical transfer: The masterpiece of German expressionist cinema comes to the stage as Barry Simner adapts *The Cabinet of Doktor Caligari* for Nottingham ..... **Page 36**

Right to be wrong: Kate Muir defends an apparent change of heart by Naomi Wolf on a woman's right to an abortion ..... **Page 16**

Faith in fashion: Nigella Lawson says we are shocked by Elizabeth Hurley's rumoured conversion to Catholicism only because we expect the pious to be plain ..... **Page 16**

Spot on: Does a deprived childhood affect adult health? Anjana Ahuja on the follow-up to the landmark Red Spot study ..... **Page 17**

Health lessons: Poorly educated women are more likely to go into hospital with menstrual disorders than those with degrees, says Dr Thomas Stuttaford ..... **Page 17**

Bad ways: How shoddy firms and a ponderous complaints system can ruin clients and force many to act for themselves ..... **Page 37**



TELEVISION

IN THE TIMES

■ **STEEL STYLE**
Tommy Steele takes to the stage again in the musical *What a Show!*

■ **GEORGIAN STYLE**
How should you restore a Georgian house? Rachel Kelly explains the dos and don'ts

Alan Howarth has deserted the only field upon which he could have had any influence and joined one where he will have none. He has damaged that wing of the Tory Party he professes to support and done great favours to those he both fears and despises
— Evening Standard

President Clinton was right to ease travel and other restrictions that have hindered communications between Cubans and Americans for decades — The Washington Post

Preview: The Dutch abstract painter Piet Mondrian is profiled in *Mr Boogie-Woogie Man* (BBC2, 11.15pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond relishes the effortless eloquence of Gore Vidal ..... **Page 47**

The Home way

If Lord Home was a political anachronism, then politics is the poorer for the passing of his humane, Christian, Tory breed ..... **Page 19**

Feeling good

The self-satisfaction displayed by finance ministers and central bankers at this year's annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank is in direct contrast with the unease of their publics ..... **Page 19**

Talking up the dorm

The boarding school tradition from Greyfriars to Angela Brazil's jolly-hockey-sticks academies has been subverted. Daisy no longer needs to pull it off alone; she can just 'phone home ..... **Page 19**

MAGNUS LINKLATER

Lord Home was not only the last of the gentleman Prime Ministers, he was a throwback to that class of patrician Tory which used once to command a majority of support in Scotland, but which scarcely exists at all today ..... **Page 18**

WOODROW WYATT

It is unpleasant to see the hapless Mr Howarth coaxed and coached into deceiving his constituents by using his parliamentary vote in the opposite way intended by the large majority who elected him in 1992 ..... **Page 18**

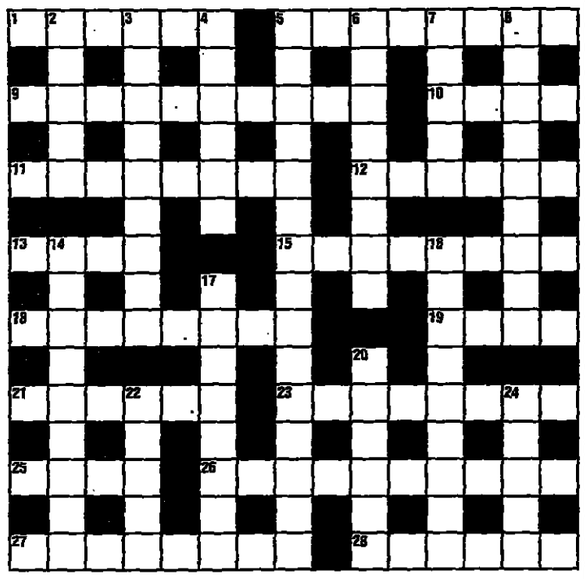
LIBBY PURVES

Whether Mr Blair's lot are as good as Alan Howarth hopes we shall have to decide, but anybody who sneers at what he tried to say at the weekend is a fool, and good riddance to them ..... **Page 18**

Lord Home of the Hirsel, who as Sir Alec Douglas-Home was Prime Minister, 1963-64, and twice served as Foreign Secretary, 1960-63 and 1970-74 ..... **Page 21**

Defection of Alan Howarth, MP; the significance of being Jewish; classic novels on TV; funds for Sadler's Wells ..... **Page 19**

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ACROSS

1 Unit in factory producing plastic (6).
5 Become more mellow after bar purchase (8).
9 Earliest form of rock music? (6-4).
10 Male with family to exploit (4).
11 Arrived to replace a diseased Japanese quince (8).
12 Rank of organized detectives (6).
13 Caves mostly dim? (4).
15 Tattoo director improvised in the field (8).
18 A group of vitamin D compounds can produce a heavenly body (8).
19 New or old? (4).
21 Get up a vigil before noon (6).
23 Hobo, old chap in three states (8).
25 The best salmon . . . (4).
26 . . . leave a fish that is going hard (10).
27 Two stoneless fruits said to be good for deficiency disease? (8).
28 Can nervous cough indicate utter confusion? (6).

DOWN

2 Grub of a particular variety (5).
3 Notice trim points of letter-opener? (9).
4 High-pitched ring on board (6).
5 Versatile artist in oil, or advanced new style (8,2,5).
6 Strong Spanish port becoming sour (8).
7 Upright type to whom Antony appealed (5).
8 Flirt attentive to women around teatime? (9).
14 End of the whistler in variety, long ago (9).
16 Mountain-goat, say, from the boondocks? (4-5).
17 Blimey! The Hole in the Wall found in scenic, coastal road (8).
20 A grand meal, cooked to leave one glowing (6).
22 Gurkha knife for work in the galley, we hear (5).
24 Name, formerly, for the present time? (5).

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a mostly dry day, although showers are possible across Cumbria and the northern Pennines later. It will be cloudier than recently, but still warm with pleasant sunny intervals.

Cloudier, showery weather will clear from Northern Ireland and western Scotland during the morning, but is expected to return late in the evening. Eastern Scotland and the Borders will see cloud building and a few showers are likely for the afternoon. It will become quite windy again with a blustery southwesterly breeze.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, Central N England:** mostly dry with clear or sunny intervals. Wind light, mainly southwest. Max 20C (68F)

☐ **SW England, Wales:** drizzle on coasts at first, otherwise dry with clear or sunny intervals. Wind southwest, light to moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** clear or sunny intervals, chance of a shower later. Wind southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** clear or sunny intervals with scattered showers. Wind southwest, moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** showery rain clearing, then sunny intervals, rain later. Wind southwest fresh, locally strong. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals, becoming cloudy with showery rain, clearer later. Wind southwest, strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** a foggy start to the mornings in many areas, with rain spreading southwards on Thursday.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

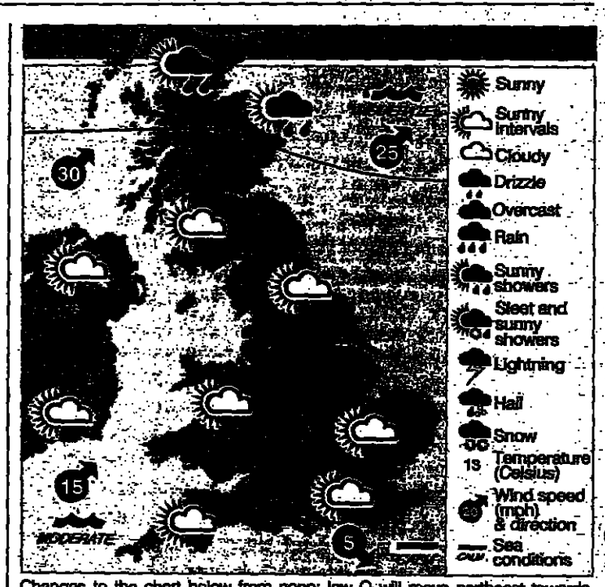
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.9	-	19	66	s	London	10.0	-	25	77	s
Anglesey	0.7	-	17	63	d	Lowestoft	9.2	-	21	70	c
Aspatria	1.9	0.03	19	66	d	Manchester	9.0	-	21	70	s
Aviemore	2.6	0.06	17	63	sh	Margate	10.0	-	23	73	s
Belfast	3.0	0.02	16	61	sh	Minehead	7.1	-	20	68	s
Birmingham	9.1	-	20	68	s	Morecambe	6.4	-	19	66	s
Bognor R	10.3	-	21	70	s	Newcastle	x				
Bournem'th	10.1	-	21	70	s	Newquay	7.8	-	17	63	s
Bristol	4.7	-	19	66	b	Norwich	x				
Buxton	8.9	-	19	66	s	Nottingham	x				
Cardiff	7.7	-	19	66	s	Oxford	7.7	-	21	70	b
Clacton	10.2	-	19	66	s	Penzance	x	-	19	66	s
Cleethorpes	x					Plymouth	x				
Colwyn Bay	4.4	-	19	66	s	Poole	9.0	-	22	72	s
Cromer	9.5	-	24	75	s	Prestatyn	x	-	21	70	s
Eastbourne	x					Ross-o-wye	8.3	-	20	68	s
Edinburgh	1.9	-	18	64	c	Ryde	x				
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.16	15	59	r	Salcombe	6.3	-	19	66	s
Exmouth	6.8	-	19	66	s	Sandown	8.6	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	8.0	-	21	70	b	Saunton Snd	7.6	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	3.7	-	17	63	c	Scarboro'	9.1	-	22	72	s
Folkestone	10.1	-	20	68	s	Shanklin	9.0	-	20	68	s
Glasgow	4.0	0.06	17	63	r	Shrewsbury	9.3	-	20	68	s
Guernsey	4.0	-	21	70	c	Skegness	10.0	-	23	73	s
Hastings	10.1	-	21	70	s	Southend	7.1	0.01	22	72	s
Hayling I.	9.7	-	20	68	s	Southport	x				
Heme Bay	10.1	-	24	75	s	Southsea	8.9	-	18	64	s
Hove	7.2	-	20	68	s	St. Ives	x				
Hunstanton	10.0	-	23	73	s	Stornoway	3.1	0.04	16	61	r
Ilfracombe	x					Swanage	6.9	-	20	68	s
Isle of Man	2.4	-	17	63	b	Teignmouth	6.9	-	21	70	b
Jersey	10.0	-	21	70	s	Tenby	5.4	-	18	64	b
Kinloss	4.2	-	19	66	sh	Tiree	3.7	0.03	14	57	sh
Leeds	9.8	-	21	70	s	Torquay	6.2	-	21	70	b
Lerwick	7.9	-	16	61	g	Tynemouth	x				
Leuchars	6.3	0.05	19	66	b	Ventnor	8.2	-	19	66	s
Lidlehmptn	8.1	-	20	68	s	Weston-s-mare	x				
Liverpool	7.9	-	21	70	s	Weymouth	6.7	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

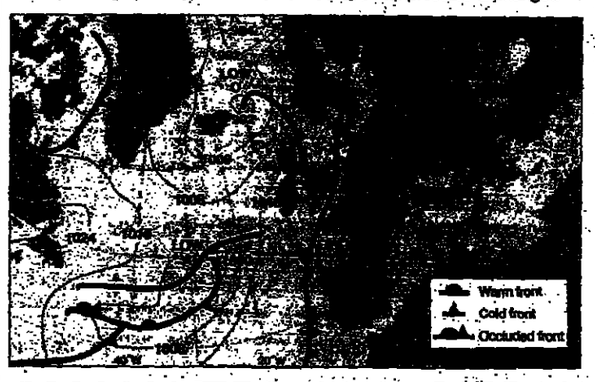
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Corfu	24	75	s	Madrid	21	70	s
Alicante	27	81	s	C'phagn	18	64	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Dublin	14	57	s	Malaga	23	73	f
Algiers	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	24	75	f
Amst'dm	21	70	s	Faro	24	75	f	Melb'rne	X		
Athens	23	73	f	Florence	24	75	s	Mexico C	19	66	s
B Aires	13	55	f	Frankfurt	20	68	s	Milan	23	73	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	25	77	s	Montreal	12	54	fg
Bangkok	29	84	f	Geneva	18	64	s	Moscow	12	54	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	c	Munich	20	68	s
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	15	59	s	N Delhi	32	90	f
Beirut	25	77	f	Hong K	29	84	c	N York	21	70	c
Belgrade	22	72	s	Innsbruck	21	70	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	22	72	s	Istanbul	30	86	f	Naples	25	79	s
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	24	75	s
Biarritz	27	81	s	Jo'burg	26	79	s	Oslo	14	57	c
Bom'bay	32	90	s	Karachi	37	99	s	Paris	24	75	s
Brussels	23	73	s	L Angels	21	70	f	Peking	18	64	s
Budapst	23	73	s	L Palmas	28	82	s	Perth	18	64	c
Cairo	28	82	s	Le Tquet	24	75	s	Prague	18	64	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Lisbon	25	77	f	Reykjavik	6	43	f
Ch'church	10	50	X	Locarno	22	72	s	Rhodes	24	75	s
Chicago	16	61	f	Luxemburg	20	68	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	23	73	s	Luxor	33	91	s	Riyadh	39	97	s

Rome	25	77	s	Sydney	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
S Frisco	15	59	f	Tangier	23	73	f	Tenerife	26	79	f
S Paulo	29	84	f	Tokyo	21	70	s	Toronto	13	55	c
Salzburg	21	70	s	Tunis	26	79	f	Valencia	24	75	s
Santiago	20	68	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	c	Venice	24	75	s
Seoul	22	72	s	Vienna	21	70	s	Warsaw	18	64	c
Sing'por	31	88	f	Wash'ton	19	66	f	Wel'ngton	16	59	X
St'kholm	20	68	s	Zurich	15	59	c				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low O will move northeast towards northern Norway with pressure unchanged. Low A will run quickly northeast and deepen. High I will remain over central Europe with pressure unchanged



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2:24	7.43	2:55	7.28	Leith	3:08	5.71	3:29	5.58
Aberdeen	1:43	4.37	2:03	4.24	Liverpool	11:58	8.55	--	--
Avonmouth	7:53	13.62	8:14	13.79	Lowestoft	9:29	2.83	10:27	2.40
Belfast	11:15	3.48	--	--	Margate	0:48	4.98	0:57	4.53
Cardiff	7:50	12.65	8:11	12.81	Milford Haven	6:58	7.10	7:17	7.19
Devonport	6:30	5.51	6:47	5.51	Newquay	5:41	8.66	5:58	8.57
Dover	11:42	6.84	--	--	Oban	5:13	3.91	5:33	4.14
Dublin	--	--	0:25	4.10	Penzance	5:18	5.48	5:33	5.40
Falmouth	5:59	5.22	6:15	5.25	Portland	7:26	2.22	7:43	2.19
Glasgow	1:14	4.84	1:30	4.86	Portsmouth	--	--	0:09	4.80
Harwich	0:26	4.11	0:38	4.15	Shoreham	--	--	0:12	6.46
Holyhead	10:59	5.54	11:12	5.68	Southampton	11:28	4.83	11:42	4.47
Hull	6:48	7.74	7:15	7.48	Swansea	5:59	9.67	7:18	9.73
Ilfracombe	6:38	9.47	6:59	9.45	Tees	4:07	5.55	4:31	5.41
King's Lynn	6:55	7.00	7:18	6.82	Wilton-on-Nze	0:21	4.30	0:31	4.39

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Sun rises: 7.15 am — Sun sets: 6.19 pm
Moon sets 9.10 am — Moon rises 7.11 pm

London 6.18 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol 6.29 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 6.26 pm to 7.35 am
Manchester 6.25 pm to 7.26 am
Penzance 6.42 pm to 7.37 am

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